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November 18, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
CHALLENGER MEMORIAL YOUTH CENTER
MODULAR LIVING UNIT PHASE II
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION – ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
CITY OF LANCASTER
SPECS. 6958; C.P. 86957; AND
CAMP KENYON SCUDDER/JOSEPH SCOTT
MODULAR LIVING UNIT PHASE II
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION – ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
BOUQUET CANYON AREA
SPECS. 6956; C.P. 86959
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve two purchase orders for procurement and installation of modular living units at two juvenile detention facilities for Probation Department staff use, and to adopt and advertise the plans and specifications for the site work at each location and award site work construction contracts.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the projects categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act.

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2. Approve the budgets of \$1,400,000 for each of the two projects, and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works to deliver the projects.
3. Approve the procurement by a purchase order through the Internal Services Department (ISD) of one modular living unit per site for Challenger Memorial Youth Center and Camp Kenyon Scudder/Joseph Scott at an estimated purchase order cost of \$671,000 and \$729,000, respectively.
4. Adopt plans and specifications for the site work construction to accommodate the modular living units at Challenger Memorial Youth Center and Camp Kenyon Scudder/Joseph Scott at an estimated construction contract cost of \$216,000 and \$328,000, respectively. Instruct the Executive Officer to advertise for bids to be received and opened on December 22, 2008, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisements.
5. Authorize the Acting Director of Public Works to execute consultant services agreements with the apparent Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidders to prepare baseline construction schedules for a \$7,000 not-to-exceed fee, each funded by existing project funds and to establish the effective dates following determination by the Acting Director of Public Works of the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidders.
6. Delegate to the Acting Director of Public Works the authority to determine, in accordance with the applicable contract and bid specifications, whether the apparent low bidders have timely prepared satisfactory baseline construction schedules and satisfied all conditions for contract award, including the criteria adopted by your Board for contract award. Authorize the Acting Director of Public Works to award and execute the construction contracts, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, to the apparent Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidders and to establish the effective date of the contracts upon receipt by the Acting Director of Public Works of acceptable Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of required contractor insurance.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will ensure compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works to initiate development of modular living unit projects, which will be located on the following Probation Department (Probation) facilities: Challenger Memorial Youth Center and Camp Kenyon Scudder/Joseph Scott.

Probation Officers assigned to the camps listed above are required to work five 8-hour shifts during their 56-hour stay at the camps. Currently, Probation does not have adequate sleeping quarters at these camps to accommodate existing personnel. This lack of living space is further complicated by additional Probation Officers that are being hired to work at these facilities. In some cases, office and gymnasium space are currently being used as sleeping quarters to meet this need. These improvements are necessary to avoid further exacerbation of current crowded conditions. The proposed modular living units will provide adequate staff living space needed and allow the offices and gymnasiums to be returned to their intended use.

Each 3,600-square-foot modular unit consists of fourteen 100 square-foot rooms, four 140 square-foot rooms, lunch area, men's and women's restrooms, janitor/water heater room, storage room and an electrical/telephone closet. The proposed project also includes utility connections to support the new modular facility (e.g. water lines, electric, phone, low voltage). Although the modular units have similar amenities (e.g., sleeping rooms, lunch area, restroom, etc.), there are cost differences due to each facility's existing site conditions and individual design requirements.

In order to expedite construction of the projects, it is further recommended that your Board authorize the Acting Director of Public Works to award and execute site work construction contracts to the apparent Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidders (as defined in the Facts and Provisions/Legal Requirements Section of this letter) if the low bids are within the estimate of new construction cost (\$216,000 and \$328,000, respectively) and contingent on those bidders completing a baseline schedule that conforms to the County's specifications. If there are no bids that are within the estimate of new construction costs, we will return to your Board to reject all bids and recommend additional actions for your approval.

Approval of the recommended actions will also authorize the execution of a consultant agreement with the apparent Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder (as defined in the Facts and Provisions/Legal Requirements Section of this letter) to prepare baseline construction schedules that conform to the County's schedule specifications. Preparation of baseline schedules is critical to successfully manage construction activities by the contractor and the County, and a responsible contractor must be able to produce such a construction schedule. Bid specifications provide that if the apparent lowest bidders fail to complete acceptable schedules, we may return to your Board to recommend that the bidders be determined nonresponsive and recommend awarding the construction contract to the next lowest bidders, contingent on those bidders completing baseline schedules that conform to the County's specifications.

Sustainable Design Program

The project will support your Board's Sustainable Design Program by using water efficient plumbing fixtures, energy efficient light fixtures with light sensor controls, and photocells, which converts sunlight into electrical energy for outdoor lighting. Utility savings are anticipated due to the reduction in electricity and water usage as a result of the sustainable elements included in the design.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These actions meet the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4) and Organizational Effectiveness (Goal 3) by investing in infrastructure, which provides improved employee working conditions and enhances the operation of the Probation Department.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Department of Public Works' (Public Works) fair purchase order cost estimate, including contingency for the modular living unit procurement and installation, and site work construction cost estimate is as follows for Challenger:

- Challenger Purchase Order: \$671,000
- Challenger Site Work: \$216,000

Public Works' fair purchase order cost estimate, including contingency for the modular living unit procurement and installation, and site work construction cost estimate is as follows for Camp Scudder/Scott:

- Camp Scudder/Scott Purchase Order: \$729,000
- Camp Scudder/Scott Site Work: \$328,000

There is sufficient funding for each of these projects currently budgeted within the Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget under C.P. Nos. 86957 and 86959. The Project Schedules and Budget Summaries are included in Attachment A.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicable law, including the State Public Contract Code, requires the County to award construction contracts to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder, which refers to the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be "responsive" to specific criteria under the solicitation, including but not limited to,

licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a "responsible" bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

A standard contract, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included in the contract.

The projects specifications contain provisions requiring the contractors to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract(s) if it is found that the contractor(s) offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, bidders will be required to attest their willingness to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program/General Relief Opportunities for Work participants for future employment.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, about Board Policy 5.135 (Safely Surrendered Baby Law) and that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

As required by your Board, the projects costs include one percent of design and construction costs to be allocated to the Civic Art Fund per your Board's Civic Art Policy adopted on December 7, 2004.

Bidders will also be required to show full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program).

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed projects have been reviewed and determined to be categorically exempt (see Attachments C and D) under CEQA in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines, Article 19, Section 15301, Existing Facilities, Class 1 (e) (2), and the County of Los Angeles Environmental Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, Class 1 (g) (1), adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, which allows for additions to existing structures provided that the addition will not result in an increase of more than 10,000 square feet. A Notice of Exemption will be filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The fabrication and installation of the modular living units will be procured as purchase orders through ISD.

Advertising for site work bids will be in accordance with the County's standard Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisements (Attachment B).

The contract requires the consultant to pay its employees applicable prevailing wages in accordance with the California Labor Code.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, these contract opportunities will be listed on Doing Business with Us website.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) in the project is encouraged through Public Works' Capital Projects' CBE Outreach Program and by monitoring the good faith efforts of bidders to utilize CBEs.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended services.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division; the Arts Commission; and the Department of Public Works, Project Management Division II.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments (4)

c: County Counsel
Art Commission
Internal Services Department
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance
Probation Department
Department of Public Social Services (GAIN/GROW Program)

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ATTACHMENT A

**CHALLENGER MEMORIAL YOUTH CENTER
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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Project Program	11/27/07*
Design	
Jurisdictional Approvals	10/08/08*
Bid and Award	01/29/09
Construction	
Substantial Completion	12/28/09
Acceptance	05/12/10

*Indicates completed activity.

II. PROJECTS BUDGET SUMMARY

MODULAR LIVING UNIT PHASE II PROJECTS

	CHALLENGER MEMORIAL YOUTH CENTER (C.P. # 86957)	CAMP KENYON SCUDDER/ JOSEPH SCOTT (C.P. # 86959)
Fixed Assets -Land	N/A	N/A
Buildings & Improvements		
Low Bid Construction Contract	\$216,000	\$328,000
JOC Contract	\$0	\$0
Change Orders	\$32,500	\$49,000
Departmental Crafts	\$0	\$0
Youth Employment	\$0	\$0
ISD (Purchase Order)	\$671,000	\$729,000
Construction Consultants	\$0	\$0
Misc. Expense	\$0	\$0
Telecomm Equip – Affixed to Building	\$0	\$0
Civic Arts	\$9,000	\$11,000
Subtotal	\$928,500	\$1,117,000
Buildings & Improvements – Development	\$0	\$0
Buildings & Improvements – Plans & Specifications	\$36,422	\$51,603
Buildings & Improvements – Consultant Services		
Site Planning	\$0	\$0
Hazardous Materials	\$0	\$0
Geotech/Soils Test	\$8,000	\$8,000
Material Testing	\$0	\$0
Cost Estimating	\$0	\$0
Topographic Surveys	\$13,000	\$13,000
Construction Management	\$0	\$0
Construction Administration	\$0	\$0
Environmental	\$24,000	\$24,000
Move Management	\$0	\$0
Equipment Planning	\$0	\$0
Legal	\$0	\$0
Contract/Change Order	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0
Soil Report	\$0	\$0
Soil Testing	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$45,000	\$45,000
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$2,000	\$2,000
Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check/Permit	\$15,000	\$15,000

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

County Services		
Code Compliance Inspection Only	\$0	\$0
Code and Quality Control Inspection	\$45,000	\$45,000
Design Review	\$0	\$0
Contract Administration	\$5,250	\$5,250
Project Management	\$110,050	\$110,050
Project Management Support Services	\$0	\$0
ISD Job Order Contract Management	\$0	\$0
DPW Job Order Contract Management	\$0	\$0
ISD ITS Communications	\$0	\$0
Project Security	\$0	\$0
Project Technical Support	\$6,597	\$6,597
Office of Affirmative Action	\$2,500	\$2,500
County Counsel	\$0	\$0
Other	\$203,681	\$0
Sheriff Job Order Contract Management	\$0	\$0
Design Services	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$373,078	\$169,397
Total	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000

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ATTACHMENT B

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PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS: In accordance with the State of California Public Contract Code Section 20125, you may publish once a week for two weeks in a weekly newspaper or ten times in a daily newspaper. Forward three reprints of this advertisement to Architectural Engineering Division, Department of Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, California 91803-1331.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE
INVITING BIDS**

Notice is hereby given that the Acting Director of Public Works will receive sealed bids for furnishing, materials, labor, and equipment required to complete construction for the following work:

<u>SD</u>	<u>SPECS</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>BID DOC. FEE</u>	<u>DATE OF BID OPENING</u>
5	6958	Modular Living Unit Phase II Challenger Memorial Youth Center 5300 West Avenue I Lancaster, CA 93536	\$30	12/22/08
<u>SD</u>	<u>SPECS</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>BID DOC. FEE</u>	<u>DATE OF BID OPENING</u>
5	6956	Modular Living Unit Phase II Camp Kenyon Scudder/Joseph Scott 28750 Bouquet Canyon Road Santa Clarita, CA 91350	\$30	12/22/08

Copies of the project manual and drawings may be obtained at the Cashier's office, Department of Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Mezzanine Floor, Alhambra, California 91803, for the fee stated above. For bid information, please call (626) 458-2563. Each bid shall be submitted on the required form, sealed, and filed at the Cashier's office no later than 10:45 a.m. on the date indicated. Bids will be publicly opened, examined, and declared by Public Works at 11 a.m. on this date in Architectural Engineering Division Conference Room, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, California 91803.

Bids must conform to the drawings and project manual and all bidding requirements. This project requires the prime contractor to possess an active B license classification at the time of bid submittal. The contractor should verify to his/her satisfaction that he/she holds the correct license for this type of project.

PREBID CONFERENCE

The Public Works' Project Management Team will hold a prebid conference for Camp Kenyon Scudder/Joseph Scott at 1:30 p.m. on December 2, 2008 and for Challenger Memorial Youth Center at 1:30 p.m. on December 3, 2008; at the respective project job sites to provide information on the project, bidding process, and answer any questions that the potential bidders may have. For further directions, please contact Brian Soria with Public Works' Architectural Engineering Division at (626) 458-2588.

OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting. The contractor shall make good faith efforts, as defined in Section 2000 of the Public Contract Code, to contract with Community Business Enterprises.

The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive technical errors and discrepancies in bids submitted in the public's interest.

Si necesita información en español, por favor llame al Telefono (626) 458-2563.



Upon 72 hours notice, Public Works can provide program information and publications in alternate formats or make other accommodations for people with disabilities. In addition, program documents are available at our main office in Alhambra (900 South Fremont Avenue), which is accessible to individuals with disabilities. To request accommodations ONLY, or for more ADA information, please contact our departmental ADA Coordinator at (626) 458-4081 or TDD (626) 282-7829, Monday through Thursday, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Con 72 horas de noticia, el Departamento puede proveerle información y publicaciones sobre el programa y formatos alternativos o hacer adaptaciones para incapacitados. Además, documentación sobre el programa está disponible en nuestra oficina principal en Alhambra (900 South Fremont Avenue), la cual es accesible para individuos con incapacidades. Para solicitar adaptaciones SOLAMENTE, o para mas información del ADA, pongase en contacto con nuestro Coordinador del ADA del departamento al (626) 458-4081 o TDD (626) 282-7829, de lunes a jueves de las 7 a.m. a 5:30 p.m.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California,
dated November 18, 2008.

Specs. 6958 and 6956

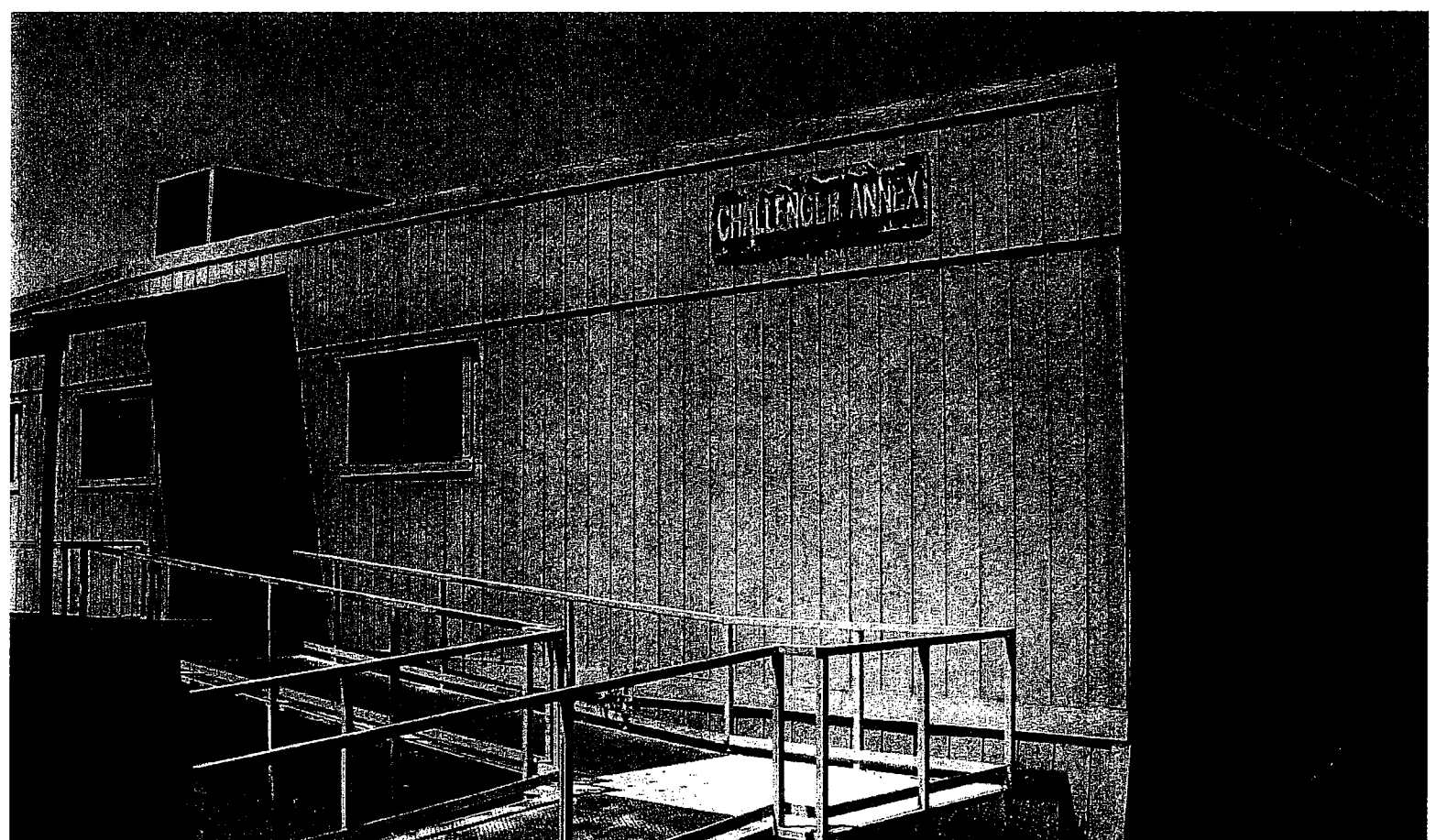
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CHAPTER 1

Executive Summary

1.1 Introduction

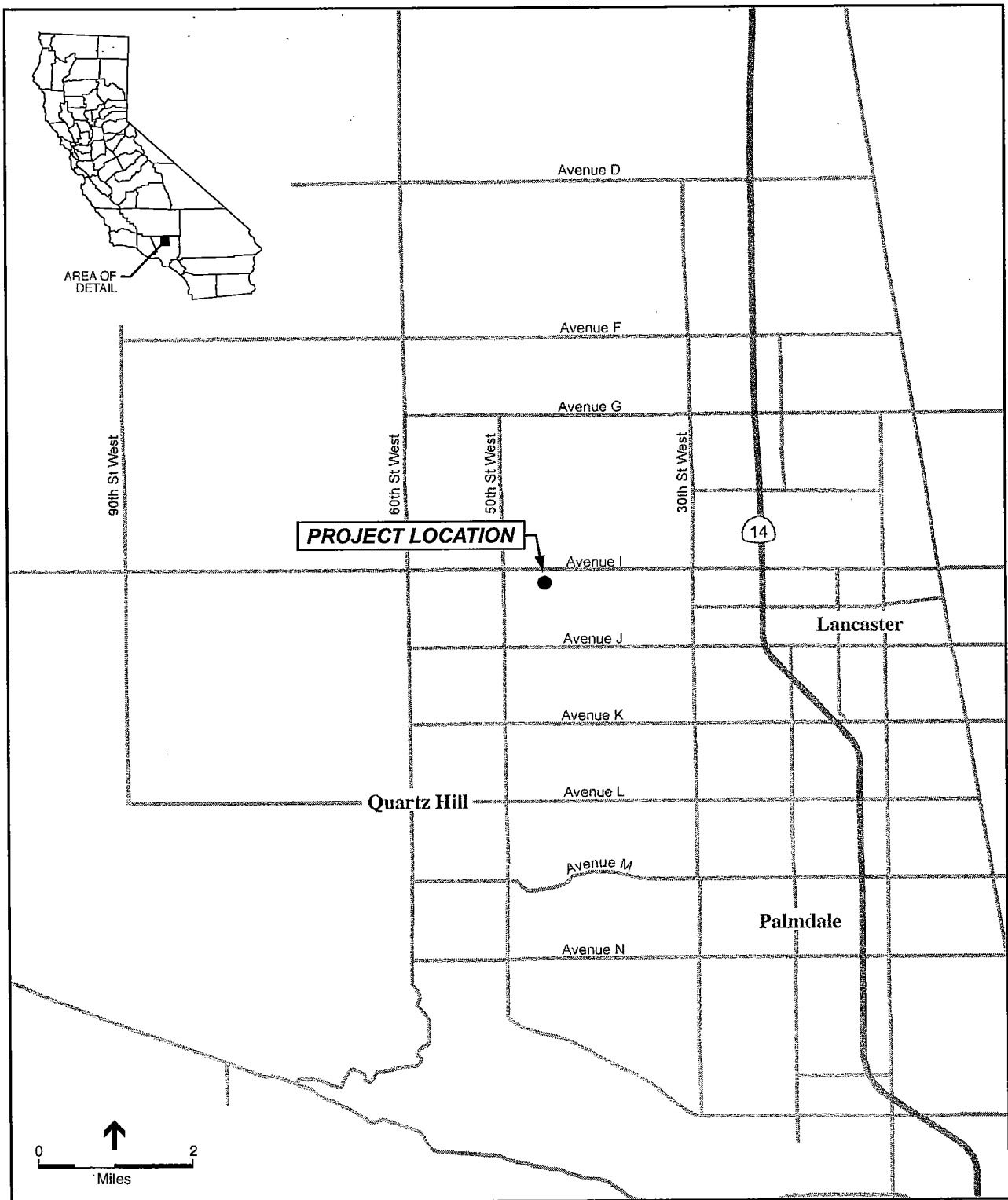
Background

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW) (applicant) is proposing to install a modular living facility to provide housing for camp counselors at the existing Challenger Memorial Youth Center (proposed project). The existing facility is located on 5300 West Avenue I, Lancaster, California (refer to **Figure 1**). The modular facility would be approximately 3,600 square foot (sf) and would expand the existing living quarters on site, providing additional facilities in which camp counselors could stay overnight during their shifts.

Services at the Challenger Memorial Youth Center are administered by the Los Angeles County Probation Department, who oversees camp programs offering intensive intervention in a camp like setting. Among its many duties, the Los Angeles County Probation Department provides secure detention for delinquent minors in juvenile halls and control and rehabilitation programs in camps. Juvenile halls and camps provide confinement to minors ranging in age from 8 to 18 who await adjudication and disposition of legal matters. Camps provide treatment, care, custody, and training for the rehabilitation of delinquent minors as wards of the Juvenile Court for an average period of 20 weeks. County-wide, camp facilities house approximately 2,200 minors at a time. The goal of the program is to reunify the minor and family, to reintegrate the minor into the community, and to assist the minor in achieving a productive, crime-free life (LACPD, 2007).

Impact Methodology

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Article 19, Sections 15300 to 15333, projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment shall be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. As the lead agency, LACDPW has the principal responsibility for conducting the CEQA environmental review to analyze the potential environmental effects associated with project implementation. As provided by CEQA Sections 15301 and 15301, the 3,600 sf modular living facility and additional upgrades qualify for a Categorical Exemption. LACDPW has performed this analysis to demonstrate that a direct or indirect physical change in the environment does not occur as a result of the proposed project. The main purpose of this documentation is to inform interested parties of this decision and to document the Categorical Exemption classification for the proposed project. The Notice of Exemption form for the proposed project, in Compliance with Section 21080 of the Public Resources Code, is provided in **Appendix A**.



SOURCE: Street Map USA, 2007.

Challenger Memorial Youth Center . 206454.06

Figure 1
Regional Location

1.2 Existing Facilities

The existing Challenger Memorial Youth Center encompasses approximately 80 acres of land, and includes an administrative /office building, two separate athletic fields, juvenile housing areas, and additional ancillary facilities to support the rehabilitative programs. The existing counselor modular facility is located outside of the secured gated area of Challenger Memorial Youth Center, located just west of the existing parking lot (see **Figure 2**). Photo Documentation of the existing facilities is provided in **Appendix B**.

1.3 Project Components and Design Features

The new modular installation would be located to the south of the existing camp counselor modular facility, outside of the secured gated area of Challenger Memorial Youth Center and just west of the existing paved parking lot (see **Figure 3**). The modular facility would be of similar scale and design as the facility currently located at s Challenger Memorial Youth Center (see Photo #3 of Appendix B for documentation). The proposed project would also include minor utility upgrades to support the new modular facility (e.g. water lines, electric, phone). No additional parking would be required as the existing parking areas have an ample number of spaces for the new modular facility. Construction would begin in Spring 2008 and would continue for approximately 8 months. The total area to be improved is less than 1 acre. The applicant has proposed the following improvements:

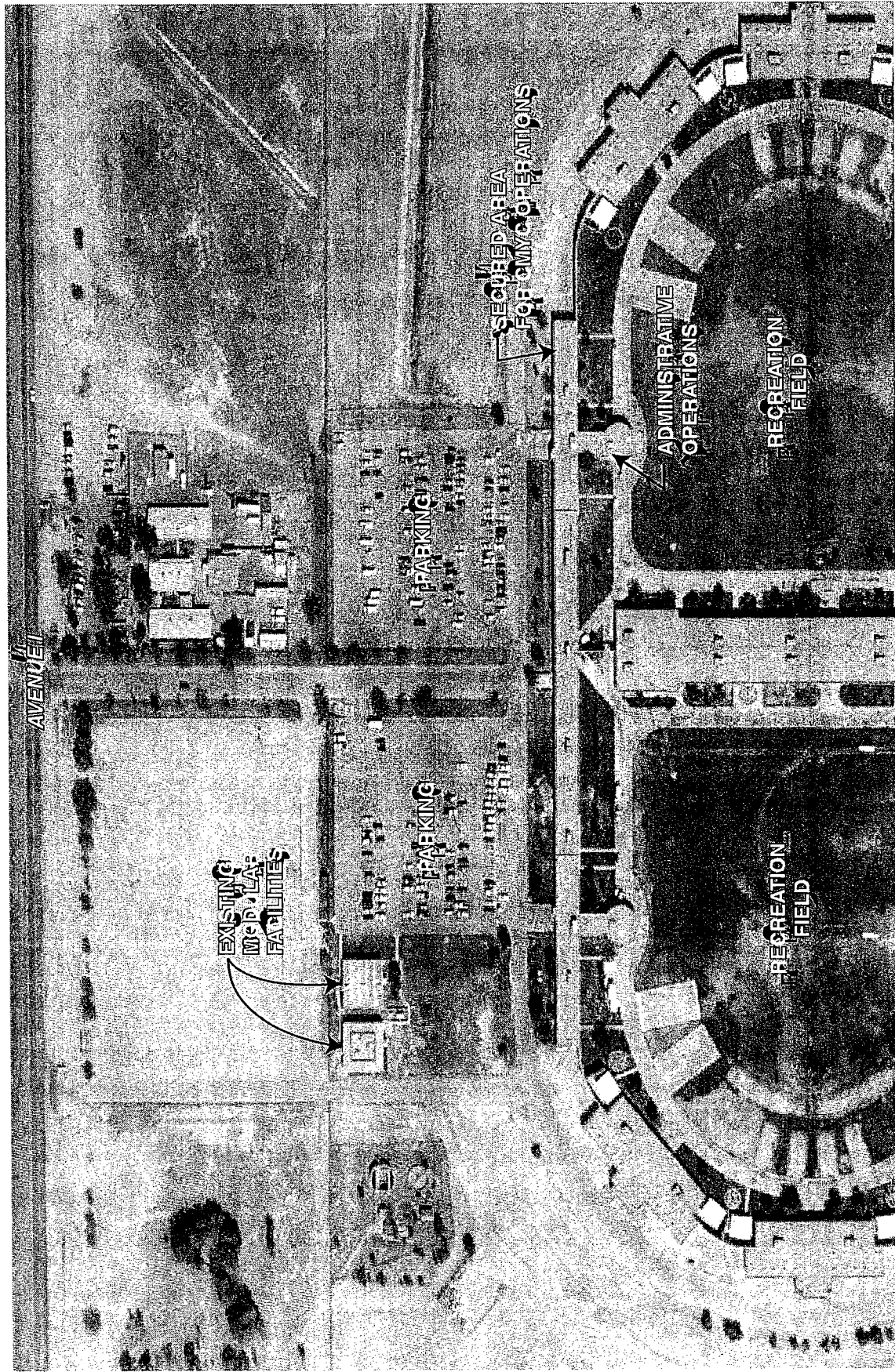
- Perform minor excavation at the project site to allow for utility installations, and
- Construct a 3,600 sf modular facility to provide living quarters and overnight facilities to camp counselors.

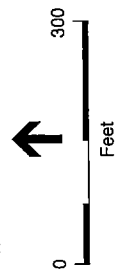
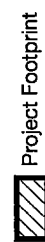
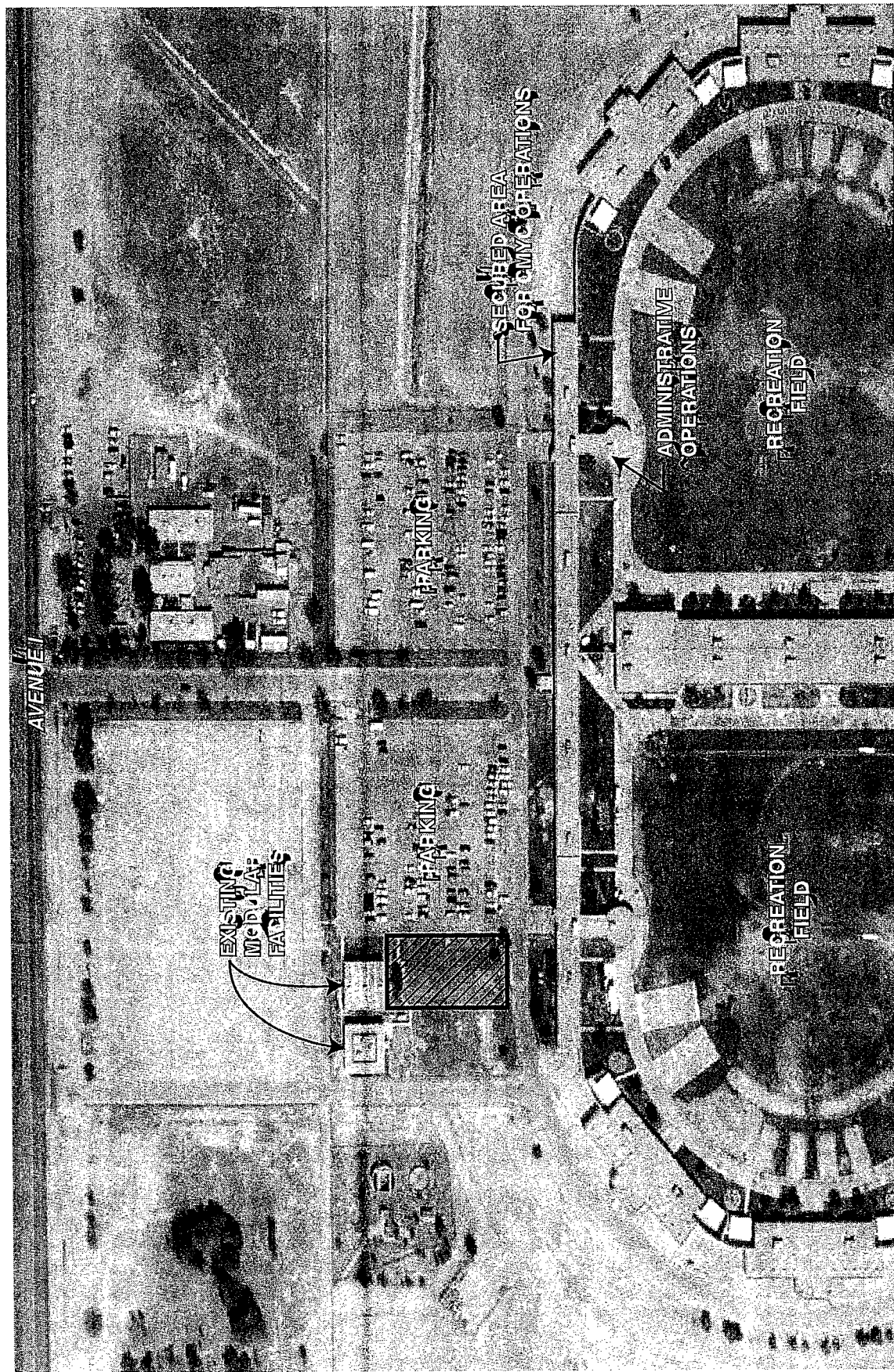
1.4 Purpose and Need

The purpose of the proposed project would be to provide modular living facilities for the counselors working at the Challenger Memorial Youth Center. The proposed project would fulfill the need for a more strategic location of camp counselors at the Challenger Memorial Youth Center site, as well as allow for expanded facilities to relieve overcrowding.

1.5 Areas of Known Controversy

Through this process, no key environmental issues or areas of controversy were identified.





Challenger Memorial Youth Center . 206454.06

SOURCE: ESA

Figure 3
Proposed Project

CHAPTER 2

Categorical Exemption Summary

2.1 Exemption Location Criteria

Section 15300.2(a) of Article 19 (Exceptions Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11) provides an exemption based on proposed project location. If a project is not located in a particularly sensitive environment, this exemption would apply. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 apply to areas that contain environmental resources of a hazardous nature or of critical concern (e.g. parks, protected lands, or protected species). These areas are precisely mapped and have been adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

An Envirostor database search, which includes Federal Superfund Sites (NPL), State Response Sites, Voluntary Cleanup Sites, School Cleanup Sites, Permitted Sites, and Corrective Action Sites, was performed for the project site and is provided in **Appendix C** (DTSC, 2008). Based on the search results, the proposed project site is not listed in an area of hazardous concern. In addition, nearby properties are not expected to impact the subject property. During site visits, no other evidence of environmental impacts was observed on the subject, adjoining, or nearby properties.

As summarized in **Appendix D**, a California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) query was performed for the project area to evaluate the potential for threatened, endangered, and special-status species identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to occur on the project site (CDFG, 2007). The modular facility would be placed on top of the existing basketball court. Therefore, there are neither wildlife habitat areas nor wildlife species that will be affected. In addition, as provided in Appendix D, the site is not located in an area where species of critical concern occur.

Conclusion: The proposed project is not located in an area considered to be of hazardous or critical concern. Therefore a categorical exemption classification is supported per the provisions of Section 15300.2(a).

2.2 Significant and Cumulative Impact Criteria

Section 15300.2(b) and (c) of Article 19 (Significant and Cumulative Impacts) does not allow for exemptions for a proposed project when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time, is significant. In addition, a categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The proposed project would not result in

an environmental impact of resources, in accordance with CEQA (Public Resource Code Section 21000-21178) and California Code of Regulations Section 15063.

Conclusion: The proposed project would not result in a significant or cumulative environmental impact. Therefore a categorical exemption classification is supported per the provisions provided in 15300.2(b) and (c).

2.3 Scenic Highway Criteria

Section 15300.2(d) of Article 19 (Scenic Highways) does not allow for exemptions for a proposed project when an impact to a scenic highway would occur. California's Scenic Highway Program was established by the State Legislature in 1963 to preserve and protect scenic highway corridors from change that would diminish the aesthetic value of lands adjacent to highways. A significant impact would occur if the project damaged or removed scenic resources along a state scenic highway. The proposed project would not occur adjacent to a scenic highway or within a scenic highway corridor and as a result, no aesthetic impacts to such resources would occur.

Conclusion: The proposed project would not result in an impact to a scenic highway. Therefore, a categorical exemption classification is supported per the provisions provided in 15300.2(d).

2.4 Hazardous Waste Site Criteria

Section 15300.2(e) of Article 19 (Hazardous Waste Sites) does not allow for exemptions for a proposed project which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. A database search including Federal Superfund Sites (NPL), State Response Sites, Voluntary Cleanup Sites, School Cleanup Sites, Permitted Sites, and Corrective Action Sites does not include the proposed project site (DTSC, 2008). Based on the listings, nearby properties are not expected to impact the subject property. During site visits, no other evidence of environmental impacts was observed on the subject or adjoining or nearby properties. No impact would occur from acquisition, construction, or operation of the proposed project.

Conclusion: The proposed project is not located on or adjacent to a site pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Therefore, a categorical exemption classification is supported per the provisions provided in 15300.2(e).

2.5 Historical Resource Criteria

Section 15300.2(f) of Article 19 (Historical Resources) does not allow for exemptions for a proposed project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The proposed project would not require demolition of existing structures, therefore no impact to a historical resource would occur. As provided in **Appendix E**, a project specific database search was conducted at the California Historical Resources Information System-Eastern Information Center (CHRIS-EIC). The database search consisted of a search of EIC's site records and maps, National Register of Historic Places, and the California Office of Historic Preservation

Archaeological Determinations of Eligibility and History Property Directory for the project area and a one-mile radius. The search concluded that no resources occur on the project site.

Conclusion: The proposed project is not located on or adjacent to a site pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Therefore, a categorical exemption classification is supported per the provisions provided in 15300.2(f).

2.6 Additional Applicable Exemption Criteria

Existing Facilities

Section 15301 of Article 19 (Existing Facilities) provides for an exemption for Class 1 activities that consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. The criteria in Section 15301 which applies to the development of the modular facility includes the following:

(e) *Additions to existing structures provided that the addition will not result in an increase of more than:*

(2) *10,000 square feet if:*

(A) *The project is in an area where all public services and facilities are available to allow for maximum development permissible in the General Plan and*

(B) *The area in which the project is located is not environmentally sensitive.*

Conclusion: The proposed project is less than 10,000 sf and would result in negligible or no expansion of an existing use. Therefore, a categorical exemption classification is supported per the provisions provided in 15301.

2.7 CEQA Categorical Exemption Conclusion

This action is applicable to Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Article 19, Categorical Exemptions, Sections 15300. Specifically, the categorical exemption status for the proposed project would be allowed under the following provisions:

Section 15301 of Article 19 (e) (2) (Existing Facilities), which allows for additions to existing structures provided that the addition will not result in an increase of more than 10,000 square feet if the project is in an area where all public services and facilities are available to allow for maximum development permissible in the General Plan and the area in which the project is located is not environmentally sensitive.

CHAPTER 3

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- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code (PRC), §21000 et al., 2006.
- California Historical Resources Information System- Eastern Information Center Database Search (Information Center site records and maps; National Register of Historic Places; California Office of Historic Preservation Archaeological Determinations of Eligibility and History Property Directory), conducted January 8, 2007.
- California Native Plant Society's (CNPS) Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants of California (2007) [http:// www.cnps.org](http://www.cnps.org).
- California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB), 2007. California Department of Fish and Game CNDDDB model run for current lists of rare species for the project site and surrounding area.

Appendices



Appendix A

CEQA Notice of Exemption Form





Notice of Exemption

To:

☒ Office of Planning and Research

For U.S. Mail: Street Address:
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Agency: of Public Works (LACDPW)
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Lead Agency (if different from above):

Address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Exemption in Compliance with Section 21080 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: Challenger Youth Memorial Center - Modular Living Quarters

Project Location (specific): 5300 West Avenue I

Project Location (city/county): Lancaster, Los Angeles County

**Description of
Nature, Purpose,
and Beneficiaries of
the Project:**

LACDPW (applicant) is proposing to install a modular facility to provide housing to camp counselors at the existing Challenger Youth Memorial Center facility (proposed project). The modular facility would be approximately 3,600 square foot (sf). The proposed project would also include minor utility upgrades to support the new modular facility (e.g. water lines, electric, phone). Construction would begin in Spring 2008 and would continue for approximately 8 months. The total area to be improved is less than 1 acre.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project: Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out the Project: Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Exempt Status: ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268); ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
(check One) ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

☒ Categorical Exemption. Class type: 1). Existing Facilities Section 15301

☐ Statutory Exceptions. State code number:

**Reasons why
project is exempt:**

Section 15301 of Article 19 (e) (2) (Existing Facilities), allows for additions to existing structures provided that the addition will not result in an increase of more than 10,000 square feet if the project is in an area where all public services and facilities are available to allow for maximum development permissible in the General Plan and the area in which the project is located is not environmentally sensitive.

Lead Agency Contact Person:	Jim Kearns	Phone: (626) 300-3203
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**If filed by
applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☒ yes ☐ no

Signature: _____

Title: Capital Projects Program Manager 4/22/08

Date received for filing at
OPR: _____

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☒ Signed by Applicant

Appendix B

Photo-Documentation of Site
and Surrounding Area



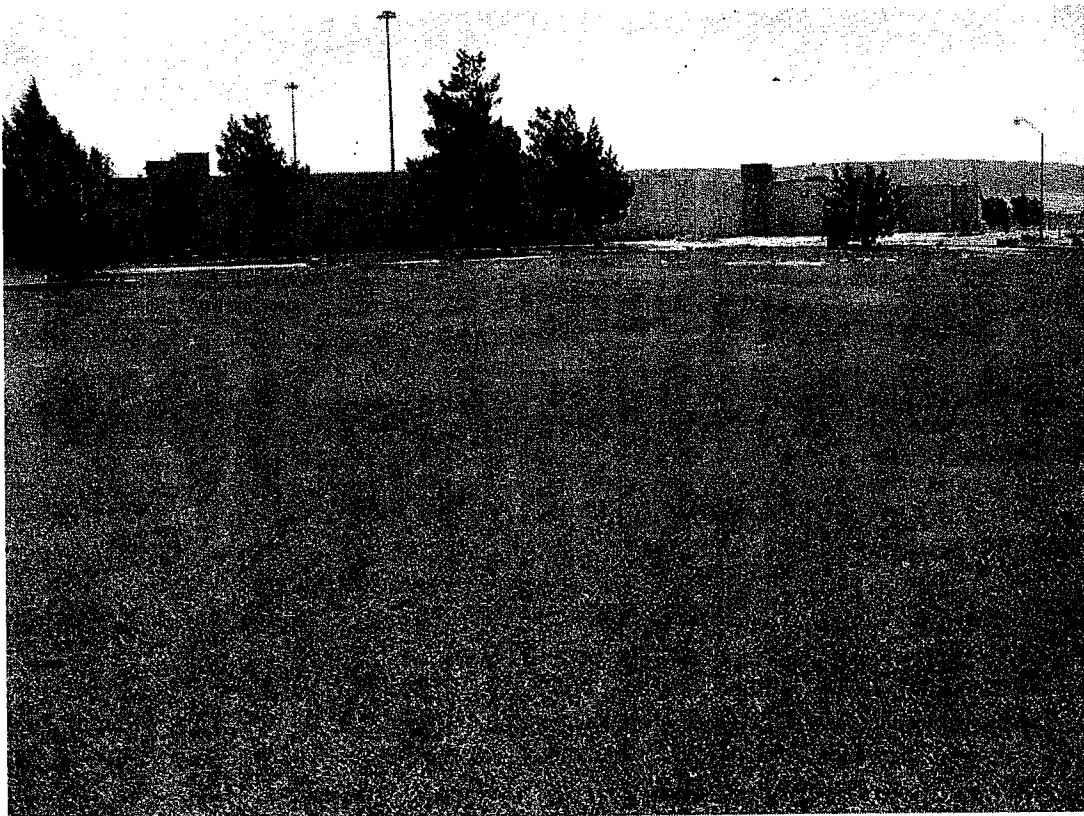


Photo 1 - Vacant land/location of proposed camp housing modular (facing southwest)

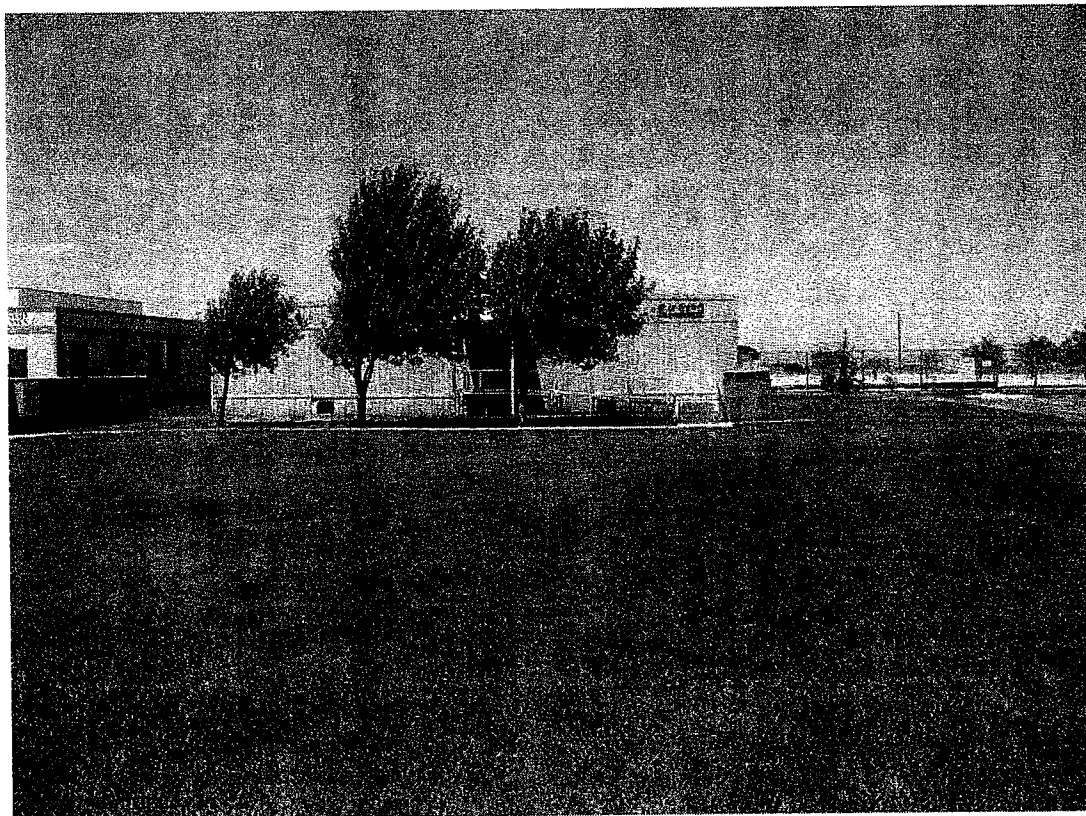


Photo 2 - Vacant land/location of proposed camp housing modular (facing north toward existing modular facility)



Photo 3 - Existing modular facility at Challenger Memorial Youth Center (adjacent to the north of the proposed project footprint area)

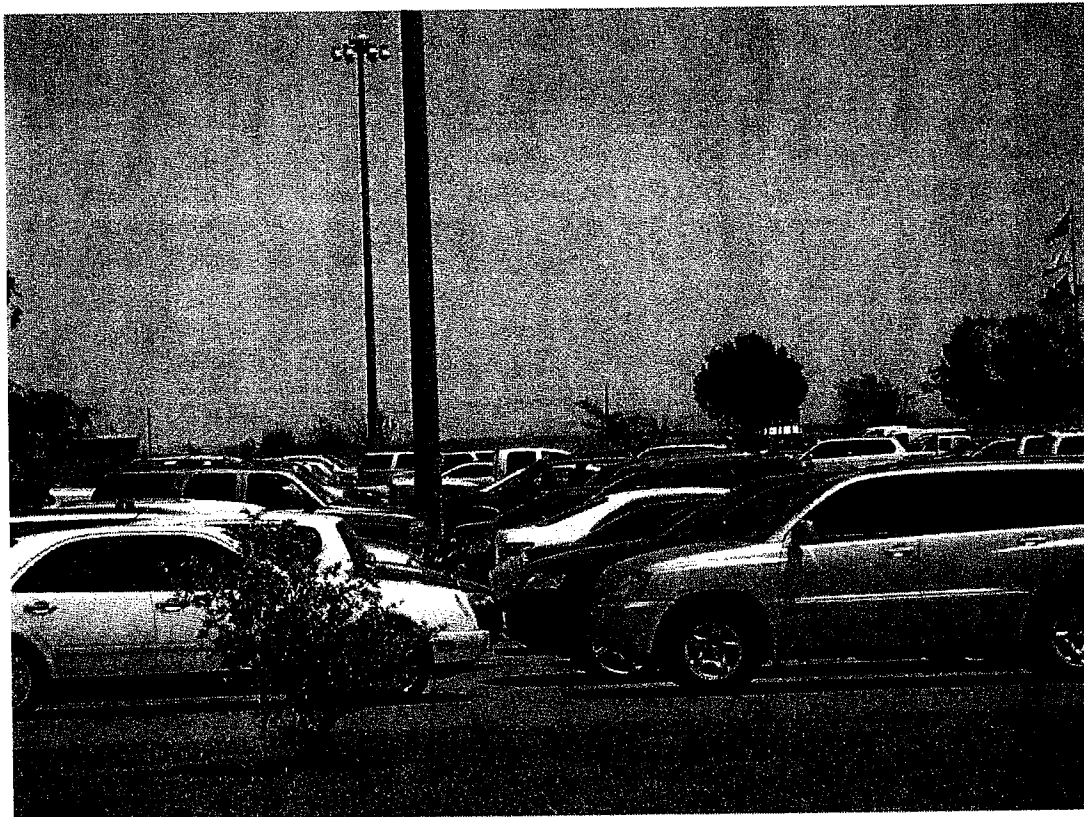


Photo 4 - Existing parking lot located adjacent to the east of the proposed project footprint

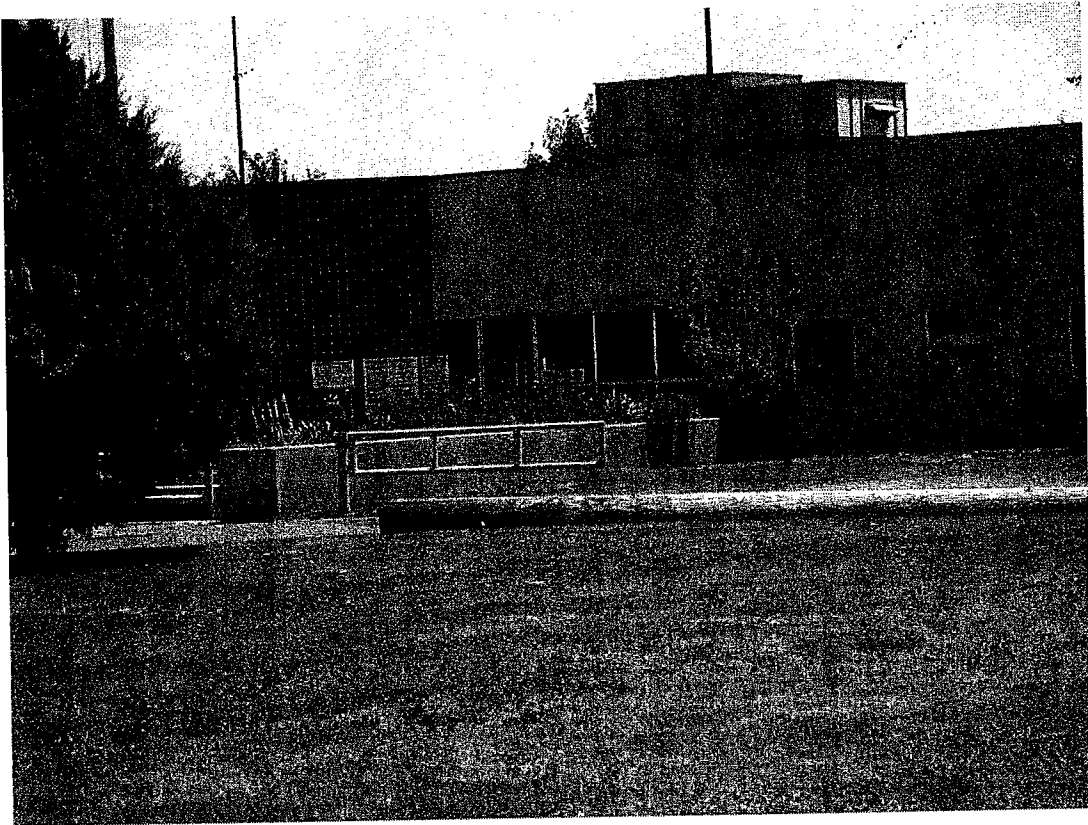


Photo 5 - Administrative and Operational building entrance for the Challenger Memorial Youth Center

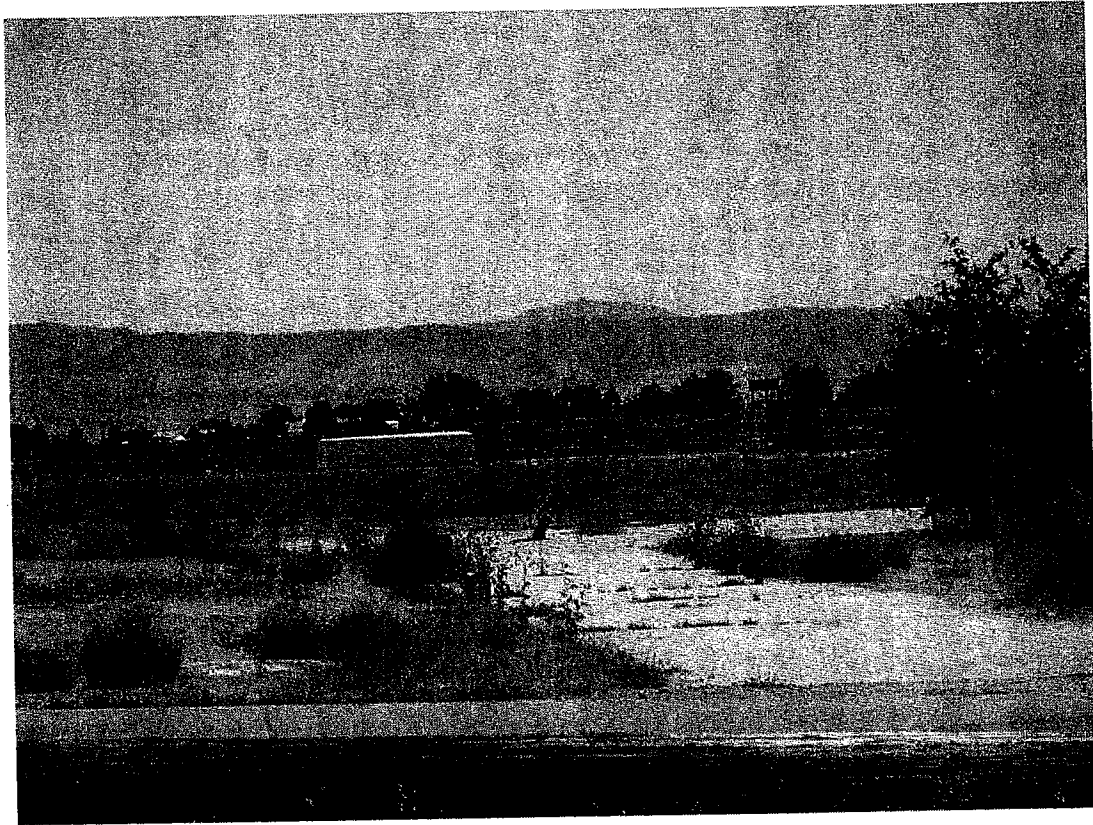


Photo 6 - Utility service area location west of the proposed project site

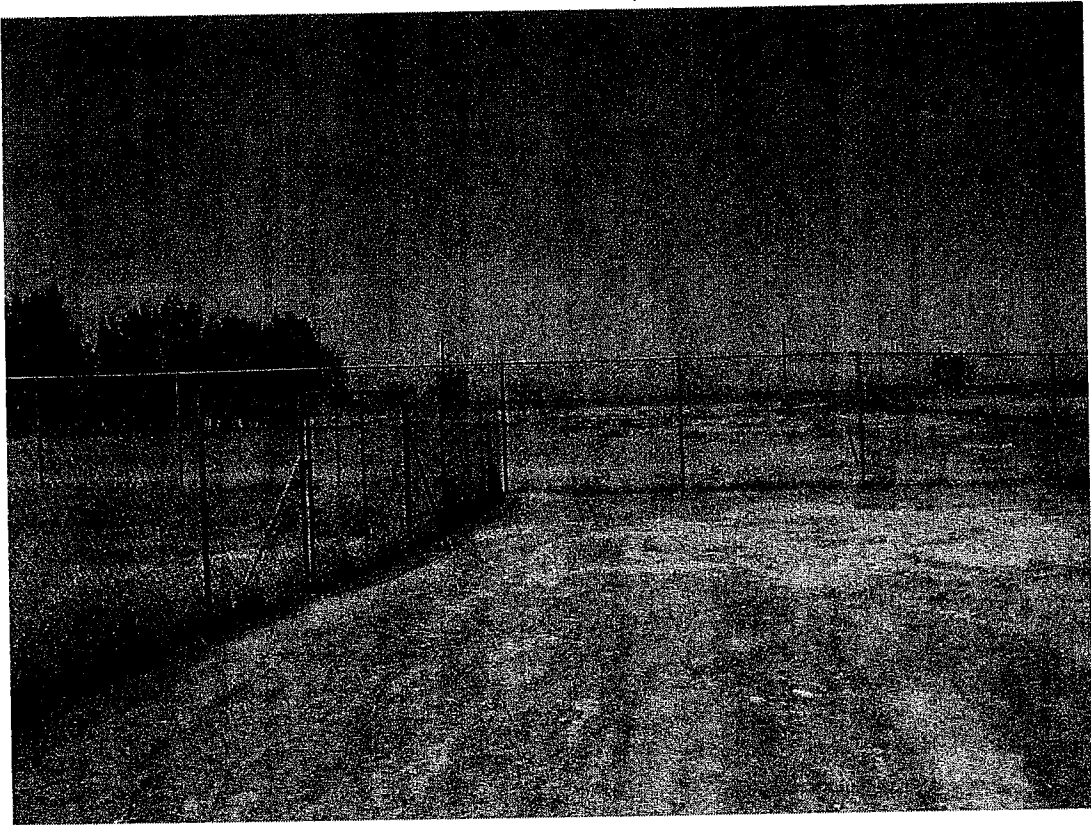


Photo 7 - Vacant land located southwest of the proposed project site

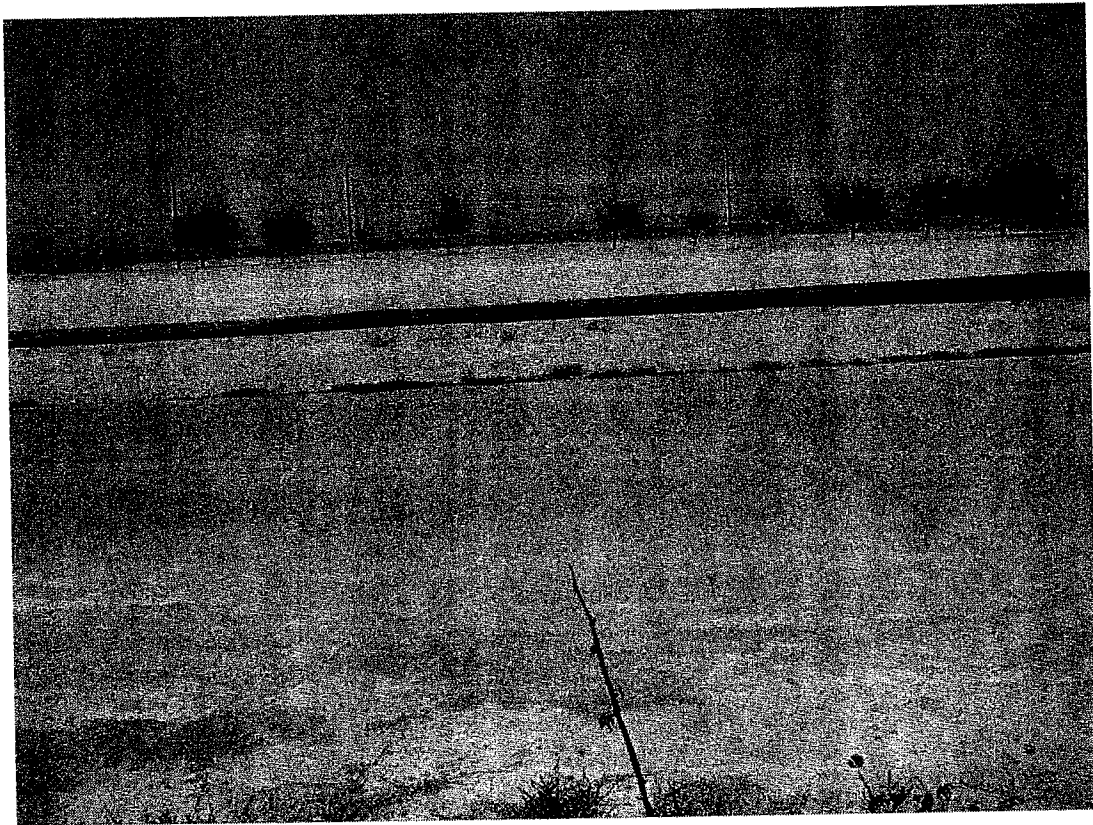


Photo 8 - Existing parking, storage, and vacant land areas located north of the proposed modular facility

Appendix C

Envirostor Database Results



DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

ENVIROSTOR**PROJECT SEARCH RESULTS**

CLEANUP STATUS: All Statuses



SEARCH CRITERIA: LANCASTER, 93536, FEDERAL SUPERFUND SITES (NPL), STATE RESPONSE SITES, VOLUNTARY CLEANUP SITES, SCHOOL CLEANUP SITES, PERMITTED SITES, CORRECTIVE ACTION SITES

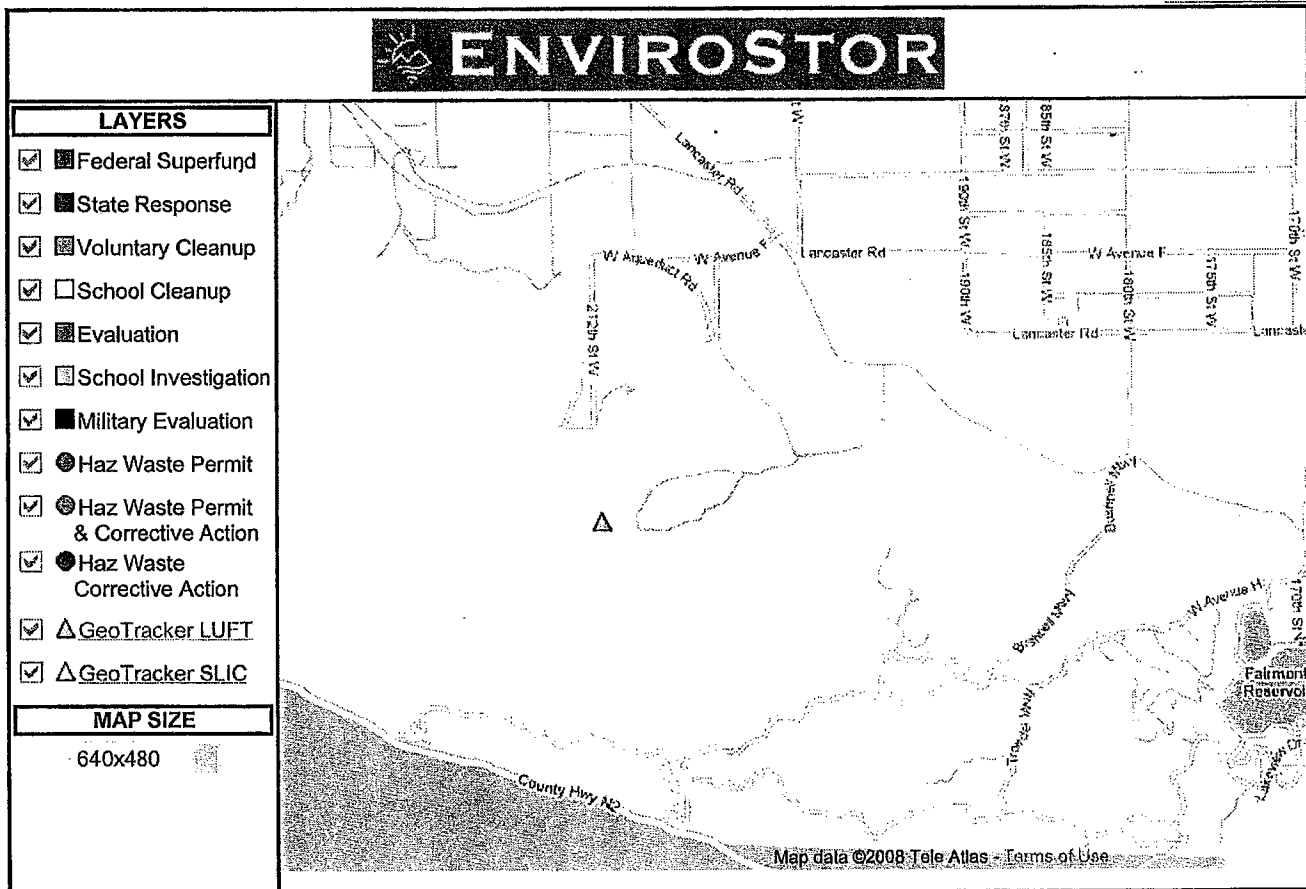
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Appendix D

Biological Survey Memorandum



memorandum

date: December 12, 2007

to: Cynthia Wren

from: Michele Budish, Associate Biologist

subject: LA County Challenger Memorial Center – Biological Resources Memo

This memorandum is a biological report for the project site known as the LA County Challenger Memorial Center in Lancaster, California. The proposed project site is located at 5300 West Avenue I., Lancaster, CA. I understand that this memorandum may be used to support the development of the site, and have organized my report in that format.

Study Methods

Relevant reference literature and natural resources databases were reviewed to determine the potential value of the site to biological and habitat resources with special status.¹ Specific information on the site was developed in part through aerial photography, and in preparation I reviewed existing resource information related to the project area to evaluate whether sensitive species or other sensitive natural resources (e.g., wetlands) could occur on the site. An on-site biological reconnaissance was not performed. Sources reviewed included:

- California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) records search for the Lancaster East and Lancaster West USGS 7.5-minute quadrangles (CDFG, 2007);
- National Wetlands Inventory; US Fish and Wildlife Service; <http://www.fws.gov/nwi/>

This information was used to develop a list of species and biological resources that could potentially occur in the project vicinity. This list is provided in **Table 1**.

¹ Special status species are defined as listed plant and animal species that receive specific protection defined in federal or state legislation (Endangered Species Act), and are formally designated as endangered, threatened or rare under state or federal legislation. Also included in this definition are species that have no formal listing status as threatened or endangered, but are regarded as locally "rare," "sensitive," or "species of concern" on the basis of adopted policies and expertise of federal, state or local resource agencies, or local organizations with acknowledged expertise, such as the California Native Plant Society. Species that meet the criteria of Section 15380 of the California Environmental Quality Act or the California Native Plant Protection Act are defined as special status species. In general, plants constituting CNPS List 1A, 1B or 2 meet the definitions of California Department Fish and Game Code Section 1901 (Native Plant Protection Act) and/or Sections 2062 and 2067 (California Endangered Species Act), and are protected as such.

TABLE 1
SPECIAL-STATUS SPECIES KNOWN TO OCCUR WITHIN THE PROPOSED PROJECT REGION

Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Status	California Status	CDFG	CNPS
<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	Swainson's hawk	None	Threatened		
<i>Spermophilus mohavensis</i>	Mohave ground squirrel	None	Threatened		
<i>Anniella pulchra pulchra</i>	silvery legless lizard	None	None	SC	
<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	burrowing owl	None	None	SC	
<i>Buteo regalis</i>	ferruginous hawk	None	None	SC	
<i>Charadrius montanus</i>	mountain plover	None	None	SC	
<i>Phrynosoma coronatum blainvilli</i>	coast (San Diego) horned lizard	None	None	SC	
<i>Phrynosoma coronatum frontale</i>	coast (California) horned lizard	None	None	SC	
<i>Astragalus preussii</i> var. <i>laxiflorus</i>	Lancaster milk-vetch	None	None		1B.1
<i>Calochortus striatus</i>	alkali mariposa lily	None	None		1B.2
<i>Carex vulpinoidea</i>	fox sedge	None	None		2.2
<i>Chorizanthe parryi</i> var. <i>parryi</i>	Parry's spineflower	None	None		3.2
<i>Layia heterotricha</i>	pale-yellow layia	None	None		1B.1
<i>Loeflingia squarrosa</i> var. <i>artemisiarum</i>	sagebrush loeflingia	None	None		2.2

CDFG (California Department of Fish and Game)

SC = state species of special concern

CNPS (California Native Plant Society)

1A = plants believed extinct

1B = plants rare, threatened, or endangered in the state and elsewhere

2 = plants rare, threatened, or endangered in the state, but common elsewhere

3 =

Environmental Setting

According to the aerial and onsite photos provided, the site is currently a probation camp, the campus is currently developed, contains buildings and the surrounding land use appears to be open, undeveloped space. Based on the aerial imagery and onsite photos, vegetation onsite includes ornamental trees and a flat, grass lawn.

Project Understanding

It is my understanding that the project involves placing a 2,400 sq. foot modular on top of a grass lawn.

Wildlife Habitat

It is my understanding that the only disturbance that will take place is on top of an existing grass lawn, therefore, there is no wildlife habitat or wildlife species that will be affected. The species listed in table 1 are based on historical and current listed occurrences in the project vicinity and surrounding open areas and does not guarantee that these species are present. Furthermore, the habitat requirements required by these species do not exist on the project site. In addition, due to the developed nature on the proposed project site, it is unlikely that any special status species would become established onsite. A site visit was not performed but based on the nature of the project, a review of relevant literature, and aerial and onsite photographs there is no impact to any special-status species.

Appendix E

Cultural and Historical Records Search





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memorandum

date January 16, 2007

to notes to file

from Madeleine Bray

subject Challenger Memorial Youth Center Cultural Resources Records Search

A cultural resources records search was performed for the Challenger Memorial Youth Center Project (D206454.06) in January, 2008, at the California Historical Resources Information System- South Central Coastal Information Center (CHRIS-SCCIC). The search was conducted for the project area and a 0.5-mile radius.

Resources consulted included:

- Cultural resource reports on file at the SCCIC
- Archaeological site records
- California Points of Historic Interest
- California Historical Landmarks
- California Register of Historical Resources
- National Register of Historic Places
- California State Historic Resources Inventory

Results:

Previous cultural resource studies: The project site has not been studied by a qualified archaeologist. Three studies have been conducted within 0.5 miles of the project site.

Prehistoric Resources: No prehistoric resources were identified within the project site or a 0.5-mile radius.

Historic Resources: No historic resources were identified within the project site. Two historic resources were identified within 0.5 miles of the project site.

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RE: Records Search for Challenger Memorial Youth Center Project (#206454.06) Located in the County of Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Marken,

As per your request received on December 24, 2007, a records search was conducted for the above referenced project. The search includes a review of all recorded archaeological sites within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site as well as a review of cultural resource reports on file. In addition, the California Points of Historical Interest (PHI), the California Historical Landmarks (CHL), the California Register of Historical Resources (CR), the National Register of Historic Places (NR), and the California State Historic Resources Inventory (HRI) listings were reviewed for the above referenced project. The following is a discussion of the findings.

Lancaster West, CA. USGS 7.5' Quadrangle

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES:

No archaeological sites have been identified within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site. No archaeological sites are located within the project site. No isolates have been identified within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site. No isolates are located within the project site.

HISTORIC RESOURCES:

Two additional cultural resources (19-187634 and 19-187947) have been identified within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site. None of the above additional cultural resources are located within the project site.

Copies of our historic maps – Del Sur (1936) and Esperanza School (1934) 6' USGS, and Lancaster (1958) 15' USGS - are enclosed for your review.

The California Point of Historical Interest (2007) of the Office of Historic Preservation, Department of Parks and Recreation, lists no properties within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site.

The California Historical Landmarks (2007) of the Office of Historic Preservation, Department of Parks and Recreation, lists no properties within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site.

The California Register of Historic Places (2007) lists no properties within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site. These are properties determined to have a National Register of Historic Places Status of 1 or 2, a California Historical Landmark numbering 770 and higher, or a Point of Historical Interest listed after 1/1/1998.

The National Register of Historic Places (2007) lists no properties within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site.

The California Historic Resources Inventory (2007) lists no properties that have been evaluated for historical significance within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site.

PREVIOUS CULTURAL RESOURCES INVESTIGATIONS:

Three studies (LA131, LA7966, and LA8350) have been conducted within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site. Of these, none are located within the project site. There are five additional investigations located on the Lancaster West 7.5' USGS Quadrangle that are potentially within a 1/2-mile radius of the project site. These reports are not mapped due to insufficient locational information.

Please forward a copy of any reports from this project to the office as soon as possible. Due to the sensitive nature of archaeological site location data, we ask that you **do not include** records search maps in your report. If you have any questions regarding the results presented herein, contact the office at 714.278.5395 Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Should you require any additional information for the above referenced project, reference the SCCIC number listed above when making inquiries. Requests made after initial invoicing will result in the preparation of a separate invoice.

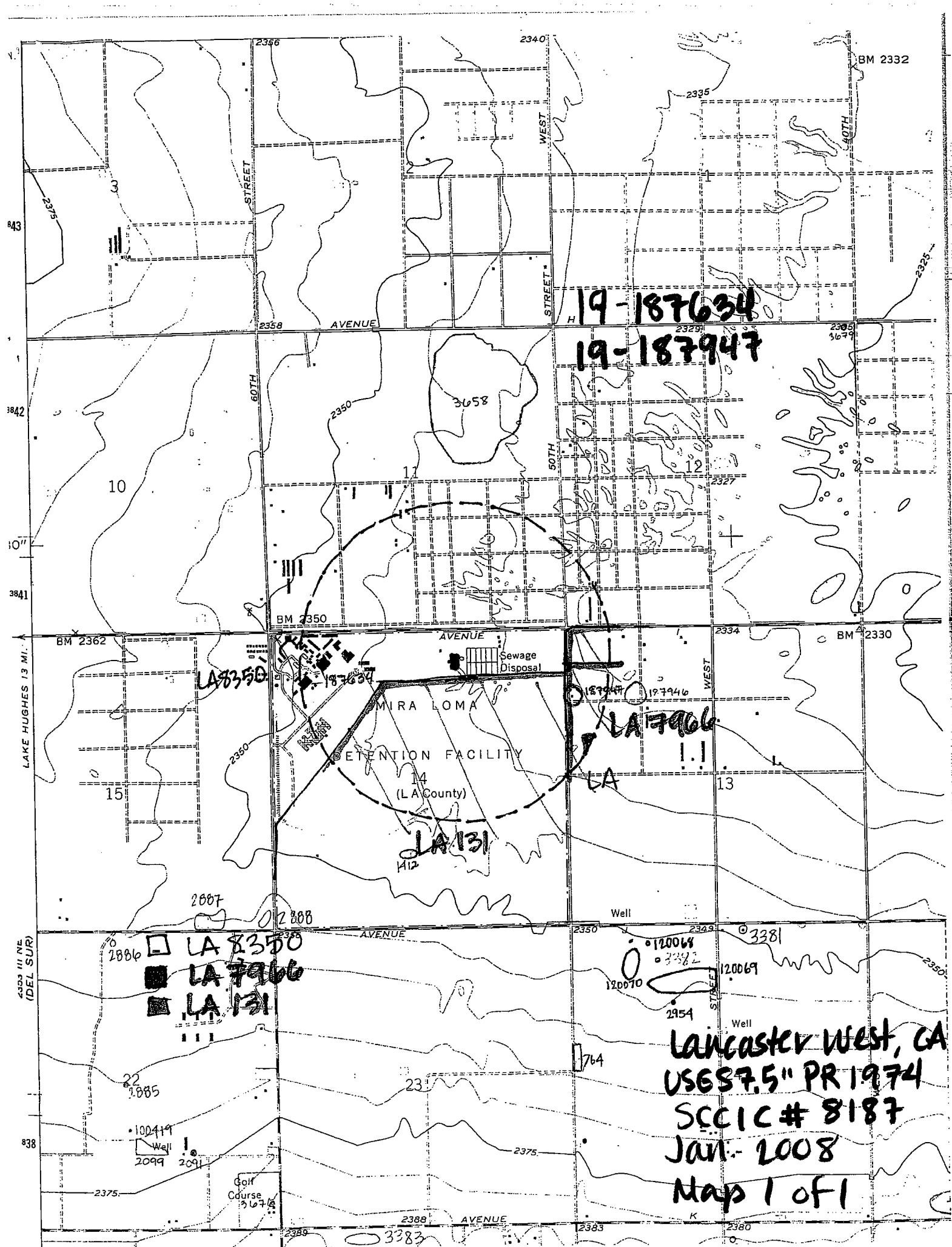
Sincerely,
SCCIC



Thomas David Shackford
Lead Staff Researcher

Enclosures:

- (X) Maps – Lancaster West 7.5' USGS Quadrangle, Del Sure and Esperanza School 6' USGS Quadrangle, and Lancaster 15' USGS Quadrangle – 6 pages
- (X) Bibliography – 1 page
- (X) Confidentiality Form
- (X) Invoice # 8187.5246



Bibliography: Challenger Memorial Youth Center Project (#206454.06)

IC ID#: LA131

DATE: 1988

PAGES: 17

AUTHOR: Gerry, Robert

FIRM:

TITLE: Cultural Resource Assessment of the Proposed California State Prison, Lancaster, Los Angeles County, California

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SITES: 19-0001412

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MEMO:

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AUTHOR: Hudlow, Scott M.

FIRM: Hudlow Cultural Resource Associates

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MEMO:

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AUTHOR: Slawson, Dana N.

FIRM: Greenwood and Associates

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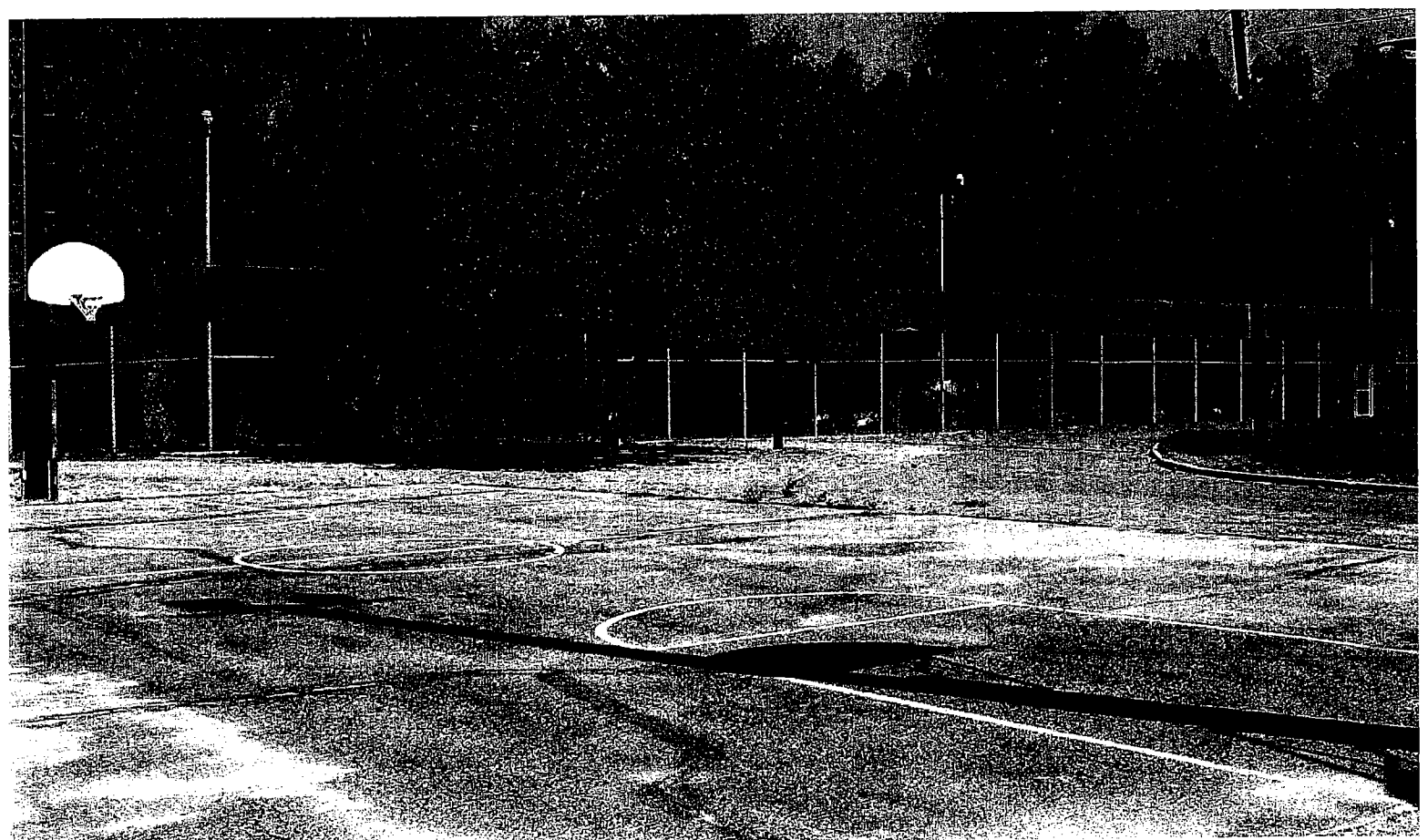
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CHAPTER 1

Executive Summary

1.1 Introduction

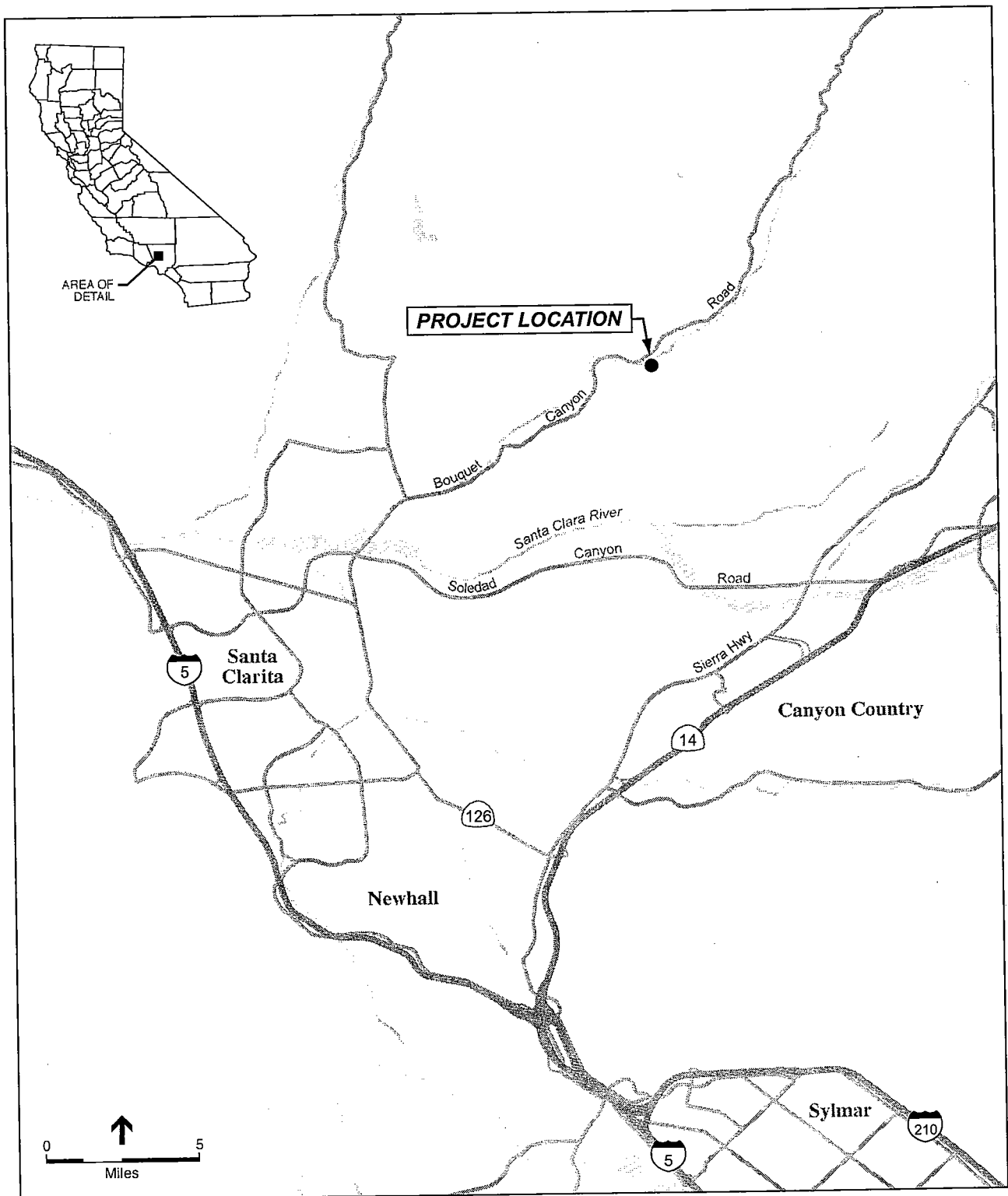
Background

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW) (applicant) is proposing to install a modular living facility to provide housing for camp counselors at the existing Kenyon Scudder Probation Camp facility (proposed project). The existing facility is located on 28750 Bouquet Canyon Road, in Saugus, California (refer to **Figure 1**). The modular facility would be approximately 3,600 square foot (sf) and would expand the existing living quarters on site, providing additional facilities in which camp counselors could stay overnight during their shifts.

Services at the Kenyon Scudder Probation Camp facility are administered by the Los Angeles County Probation Department, which provides camp programs offering an intensive intervention in a residential setting over an average stay of 20 weeks. County-wide, camp facilities house approximately 2,200 minors at a time. The goal of the program is to reunify the minor and family, to reintegrate the minor into the community, and to assist the minor in achieving a productive, crime-free life (LACPD, 2007).

Impact Methodology

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Article 19, Sections 15300 to 15333, projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment shall be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. As the lead agency, LACDPW has the principal responsibility for conducting the CEQA environmental review to analyze the potential environmental effects associated with project implementation. As provided by CEQA Sections 15301 and 15301, the 3,600 sf modular living facility and additional upgrades qualify for a Categorical Exemption. LACDPW has performed this analysis to demonstrate that a direct or indirect physical change in the environment does not occur as a result of the proposed project. The main purpose of this documentation is to inform interested parties of this decision and to document the Categorical Exemption classification for the proposed project. The Notice of Exemption form for the proposed project, in Compliance with Section 21080 of the Public Resources Code, is provided in **Appendix A**.



SOURCE: Street Map USA, 2007.

Camp Kenyon Scudder . 206454.05

Figure 1
Regional Location

1.2 Existing Facilities

The existing Kenyon Scudder Probation Camp facility is located adjacent to the County's Camp Scott facility and encompasses approximately 40 acres of land. The Kenyon Scudder facility contains an administrative building, athletic field, juvenile housing area, basketball courts, pool, and recreation room. The existing counselor modular facility and a maintenance building are shared facilities for both Kenyon Scudder and Camp Scott at this time (see **Figure 2**). Photo Documentation of the existing facilities is provided in **Appendix B**.

1.3 Project Components and Design Features

The new modular installation would be located to the north of the existing pool and recreation center, on an area currently used for a basketball court (see **Figure 3**). The modular facility would be of similar scale and design as the facility located at Camp Scott (see Appendix B for photos). The proposed project would also include minor utility upgrades to support the new modular facility (e.g. water lines, electric, phone) and improvements to the existing parking lot to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Construction would begin in Spring 2008 and would continue for approximately 8 months. The total area to be improved is less than 1 acre. The applicant has proposed the following improvements:

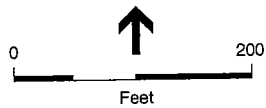
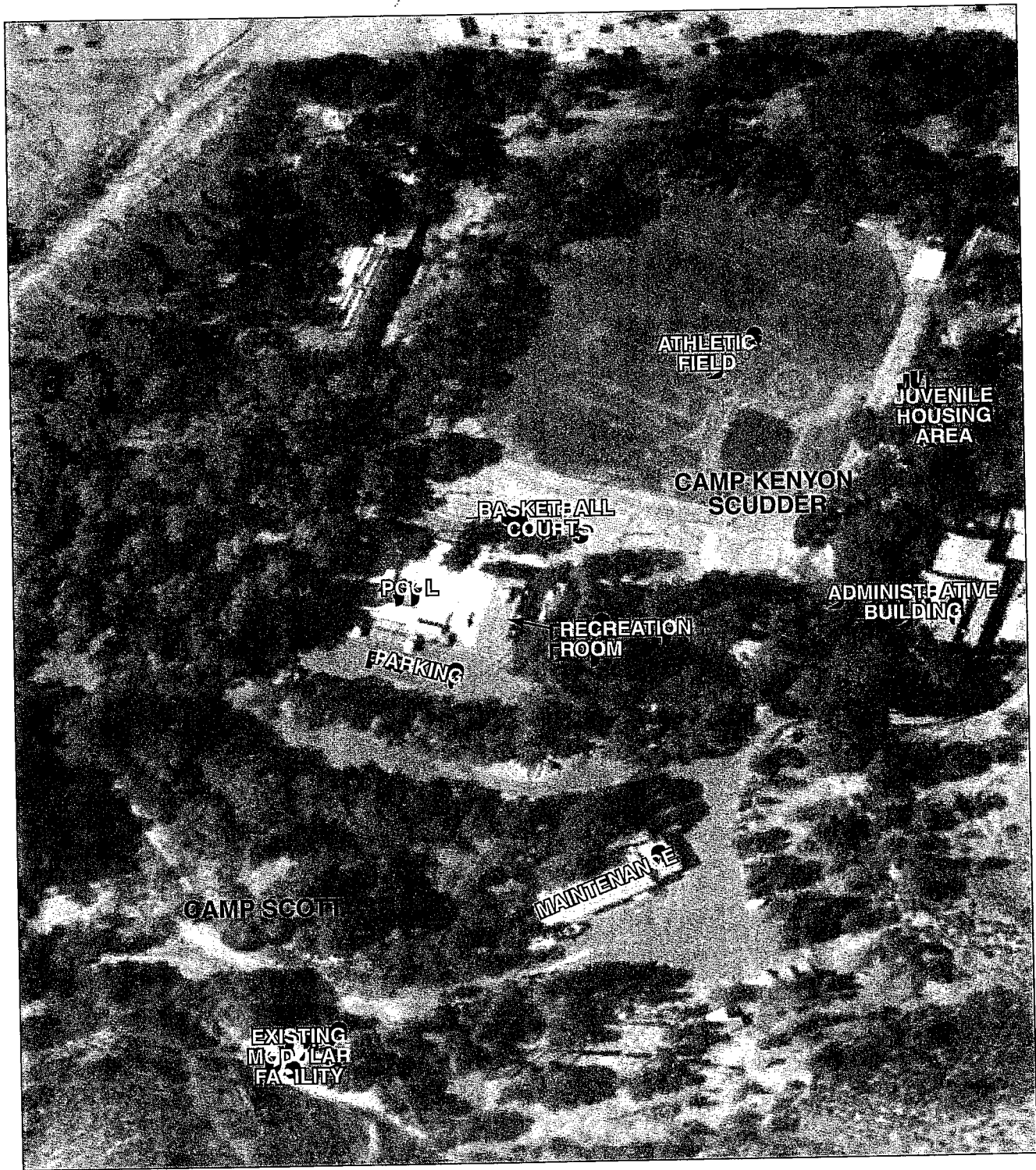
- Perform minor excavation at the project site to remove the existing basketball court (e.g. paved areas) and to allow for utility installations;
- Construct a 3,600 sf modular facility to provide living quarters and overnight facilities to camp counselors; and
- Perform minor improvements to the existing parking lot.

1.4 Purpose and Need

The purpose of the proposed project would be to provide modular living facilities for the counselors working at the Camp Kenyon Scudder facility, as currently the counselors for this facility are housed in the modular housing facility located at Camp Scott. The proposed project would fulfill the need for a more strategic location of camp counselors at the Camp Kenyon Scudder site, as well as allow for expanded facilities to relieve overcrowding.

1.4 Areas of Known Controversy

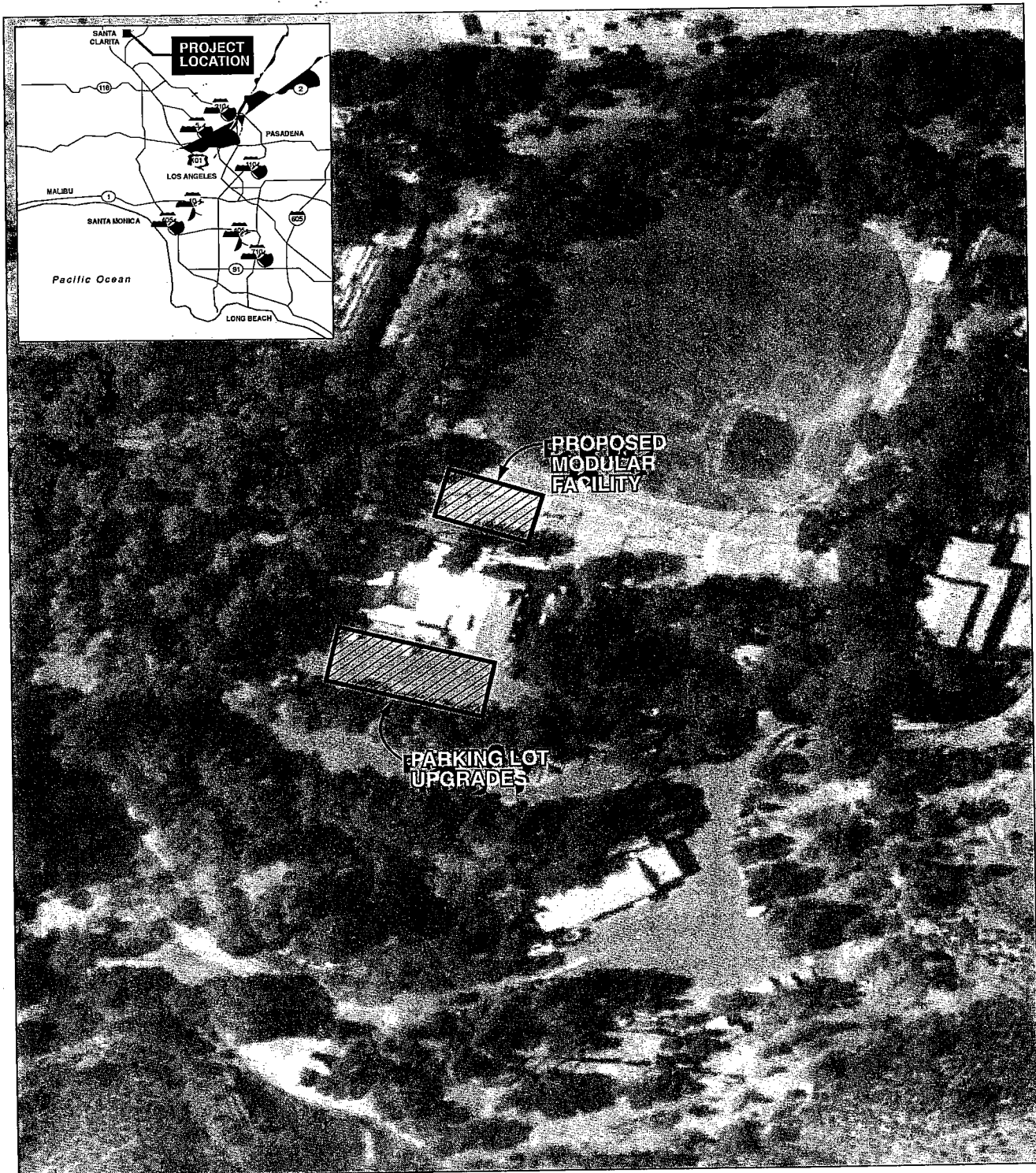
Through this process, no key environmental issues or areas of controversy were identified.



SOURCE: GlobeXplorer, 2007

Camp Kenyon Scudder . 206454.05

Figure 2
Existing Facilities



SOURCE: ESA

Camp Kenyon Scudder . 206454.05

Figure 3
Proposed Project

CHAPTER 2

Categorical Exemption Summary

2.1 Exemption Location Criteria

Section 15300.2(a) of Article 19 (Exceptions Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11) provides an exemption based on proposed project location. If a project is not located in a particularly sensitive environment, this exemption would apply. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 apply to areas that contain environmental resources of a hazardous nature or of critical concern (e.g. parks, protected lands, or protected species). These areas are precisely mapped and have been adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

An Envirostor database search, which includes Federal Superfund Sites (NPL), State Response Sites, Voluntary Cleanup Sites, School Cleanup Sites, Permitted Sites, and Corrective Action Sites, was performed for the project site and is provided in **Appendix C** (DTSC, 2008). Based on the search results, the proposed project site is not listed in an area of hazardous concern. In addition, nearby properties are not expected to impact the subject property. During site visits, no other evidence of environmental impacts was observed on the subject, adjoining, or nearby properties.

As summarized in **Appendix D**, a California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) query was performed for the project area to evaluate the potential for threatened, endangered, and special-status species identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to occur on the project site (CDFG, 2007). The modular facility would be placed on top of the existing basketball court. Therefore, there are neither wildlife habitat areas nor wildlife species that will be affected. In addition, as provided in Appendix D, the site is not located in an area where species of critical concern occur.

Conclusion: The proposed project is not located in an area considered to be of hazardous or critical concern. Therefore a categorical exemption classification is supported per the provisions of Section 15300.2(a).

2.2 Significant and Cumulative Impact Criteria

Section 15300.2(b) and (c) of Article 19 (Significant and Cumulative Impacts) does not allow for exemptions for a proposed project when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time, is significant. In addition, a categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The proposed project would not result in

an environmental impact of resources, in accordance with CEQA (Public Resource Code Section 21000-21178) and California Code of Regulations Section 15063.

Conclusion: The proposed project would not result in a significant or cumulative environmental impact. Therefore a categorical exemption classification is supported per the provisions provided in 15300.2(b) and (c).

2.3 Scenic Highway Criteria

Section 15300.2(d) of Article 19 (Scenic Highways) does not allow for exemptions for a proposed project when an impact to a scenic highway would occur. California's Scenic Highway Program was established by the State Legislature in 1963 to preserve and protect scenic highway corridors from change that would diminish the aesthetic value of lands adjacent to highways. A significant impact would occur if the project damaged or removed scenic resources along a state scenic highway. The proposed project would not occur adjacent to a scenic highway or within a scenic highway corridor and as a result, no aesthetic impacts to such resources would occur.

Conclusion: The proposed project would not result in an impact to a scenic highway. Therefore, a categorical exemption classification is supported per the provisions provided in 15300.2(d).

2.4 Hazardous Waste Site Criteria

Section 15300.2(e) of Article 19 (Hazardous Waste Sites) does not allow for exemptions for a proposed project which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. A database search including Federal Superfund Sites (NPL), State Response Sites, Voluntary Cleanup Sites, School Cleanup Sites, Permitted Sites, and Corrective Action Sites does not include the proposed project site (DTSC, 2008). Based on the listings, nearby properties are not expected to impact the subject property. During site visits, no other evidence of environmental impacts was observed on the subject or adjoining or nearby properties. No impact would occur from acquisition, construction, or operation of the proposed project.

Conclusion: The proposed project is not located on or adjacent to a site pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Therefore, a categorical exemption classification is supported per the provisions provided in 15300.2(e).

2.5 Historical Resource Criteria

Section 15300.2(f) of Article 19 (Historical Resources) does not allow for exemptions for a proposed project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The proposed project would not require demolition of existing structures, therefore no impact to a historical resource would occur. As provided in **Appendix E**, a project specific database search was conducted at the California Historical Resources Information System-Eastern Information Center (CHRIS-EIC). The database search consisted of a search of EIC's site records and maps, National Register of Historic Places, and the California Office of Historic Preservation

Archaeological Determinations of Eligibility and History Property Directory for the project area and a one-mile radius. The search concluded that no resources occur on the project site.

Conclusion: The proposed project is not located on or adjacent to a site pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Therefore, a categorical exemption classification is supported per the provisions provided in 15300.2(f).

2.6 Additional Applicable Exemption Criteria

Existing Facilities

Section 15301 of Article 19 (Existing Facilities) provides for an exemption for Class 1 activities that consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. The criteria in Section 15301 which applies to the development of the modular facility includes the following:

(e) *Additions to existing structures provided that the addition will not result in an increase of more than:*

(2) *10,000 square feet if:*

(A) *The project is in an area where all public services and facilities are available to allow for maximum development permissible in the General Plan and*

(B) *The area in which the project is located is not environmentally sensitive.*

Conclusion: The proposed project is less than 10,000 sf and would result in negligible or no expansion of an existing use. Therefore, a categorical exemption classification is supported per the provisions provided in 15301.

Replacement or Reconstruction

Section 15302 of Article 19 (Replacement or Reconstruction) provides for an exemption for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The criteria in Section 15302, which applies to the regarding, repaving, and re-stripping of the parking lot, includes the following:

(c) *Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.*

Conclusion: The proposed project will involve negligible or no expansion of the existing parking lot. Therefore, a categorical exemption classification is supported per the provisions provided in 15302.

2.7 CEQA Categorical Exemption Conclusion

This action is applicable to Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Article 19, Categorical Exemptions, Sections 15300. Specifically, the categorical exemption status for the proposed project would be allowed under the following provisions:

Section 15301 of Article 19 (e) (2) (Existing Facilities), which allows for additions to existing structures provided that the addition will not result in an increase of more than 10,000 square feet if the project is in an area where all public services and facilities are available to allow for maximum development permissible in the General Plan and the area in which the project is located is not environmentally sensitive.

Section 15302 of Article 19 (c) (Replacement or Reconstruction), which allows for an exemption for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities (e.g. parking lot) where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The criteria in Section 15302 which applies to the regarding, repaving, and re-stripping of the parking lot includes item (c) replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

CHAPTER 3

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- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CCR, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 5, §15064.5, 2007.
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code (PRC), §21000 et al., 2006.
- California Historical Resources Information System- Eastern Information Center Database Search (Information Center site records and maps; National Register of Historic Places; California Office of Historic Preservation Archaeological Determinations of Eligibility and History Property Directory), conducted December 13, 2007.
- California Native Plant Society's (CNPS) Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants of California (2007). [http:// www.cnps.org](http://www.cnps.org).
- California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB), 2007. California Department of Fish and Game CNDDB model run for current lists of rare species for the project site and surrounding area

Appendices



Appendix A

CEQA Notice of Exemption Form



Notice of Exemption

To:

☒ Office of Planning and Research

For U.S Mail:

P.O. Box 3044

Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

Street Address:

1400 Tenth St.

Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk

Los Angeles County --

County of: (County Clerk Office)

Address: 12400 Imperial Highway

P.O. Box 53592

Norwalk, CA 90650

From:

Public

Los Angeles County Department

Agency:

of Public Works (LACDPW)

Address:

900 South Fremont Avenue

Alhambra, CA 91803

Lead Agency (if different from above):

Address:

Contact:

Phone:

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Exemption in Compliance with Section 21080 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: Camp Kenyon Scudder Modular Living Quarters

Project Location (specific): 28750 Bouquet Canyon Road, Saugus, California

Project Location (city/county): Saugus, Los Angeles County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project:

LACDPW (applicant) is proposing to install a modular facility to provide housing to camp counselors at the existing Kenyon Scudder Probation Camp facility (proposed project). The modular facility would be approximately 3,600 square foot (sf). The proposed project would also include minor utility upgrades to support the new modular facility (e.g. water lines, electric, phone) and improvements to the existing parking lot to meet American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Construction would begin in Spring 2008 and would continue for approximately 8 months. The total area to be improved is less than 1 acre.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project: Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out the Project: Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Exempt Status:
(check One)

☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

☒ Categorical Exemption. Class type: 1). Existing Facilities Section 15301 and 2). Replacement or Reconstruction Section 15302

☐ Statutory Exceptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15301 of Article 19 (e) (2) (Existing Facilities), allows for additions to existing structures provided that the addition will not result in an increase of more than 10,000 square feet if the project is in an area where all public services and facilities are available to allow for maximum development permissible in the General Plan and the area in which the project is located is not environmentally sensitive.

Section 15302 of Article 19 (c) Replacement or Reconstruction), which allows for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities (e.g. parking lot) where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The criteria in Section 15302 which applies to the regarding, repaving, and re-stripping of the parking lot includes item (c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

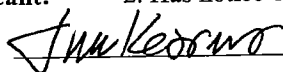
Lead Agency Contact Person:	Jim Kearns, LACDPW, Capital Projects Program Manager	Phone: 626.300.3203
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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☒ yes ☐ no

Signature:



Title

Capital Projects Program Mgr.

Date:

4/22/08

Date received for filing at
OPR:

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☒ Signed by Applicant

Appendix B

Photo-Documentation of Site
and Surrounding Area



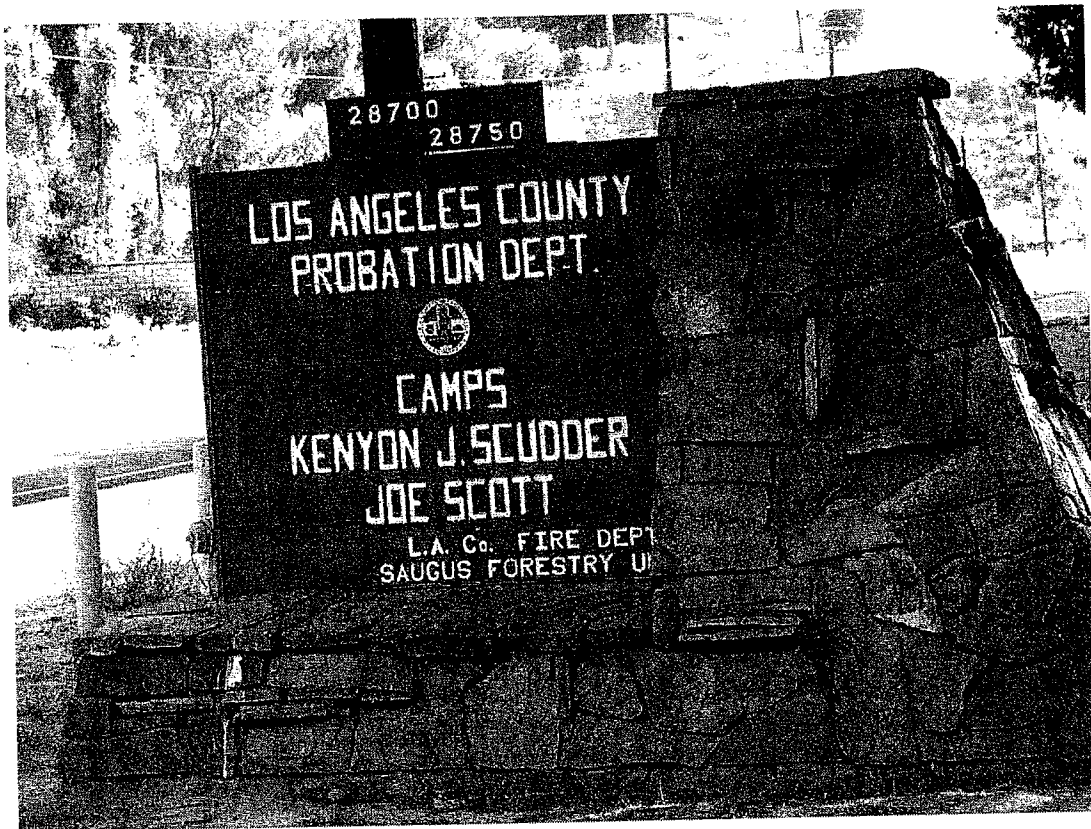


Photo 1 - Site entrance for Camp Kenyon Scudder and Camp Scott facilities



Photo 2 - Entrance road for both Kenyon Scudder and Camp Scott facilities



Photo 3 - Existing Basketball Court (proposed location of new modular facility)

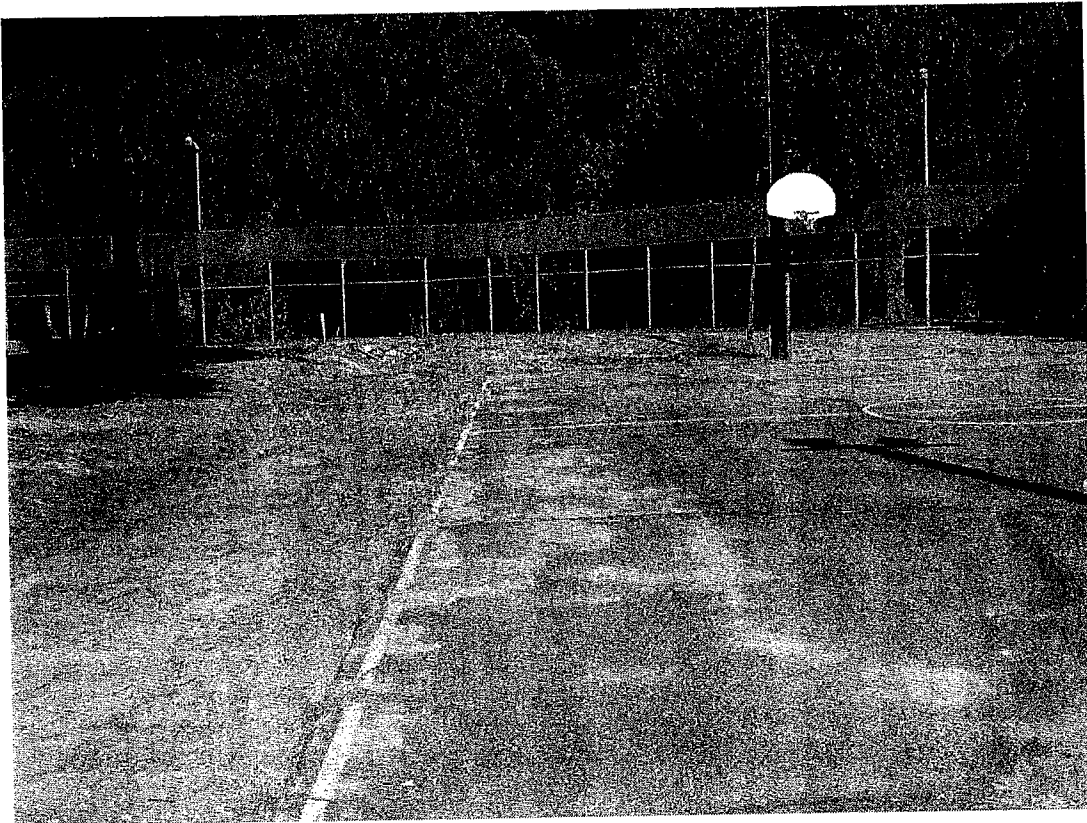


Photo 4 - Existing Basketball Court (proposed location of new modular facility)

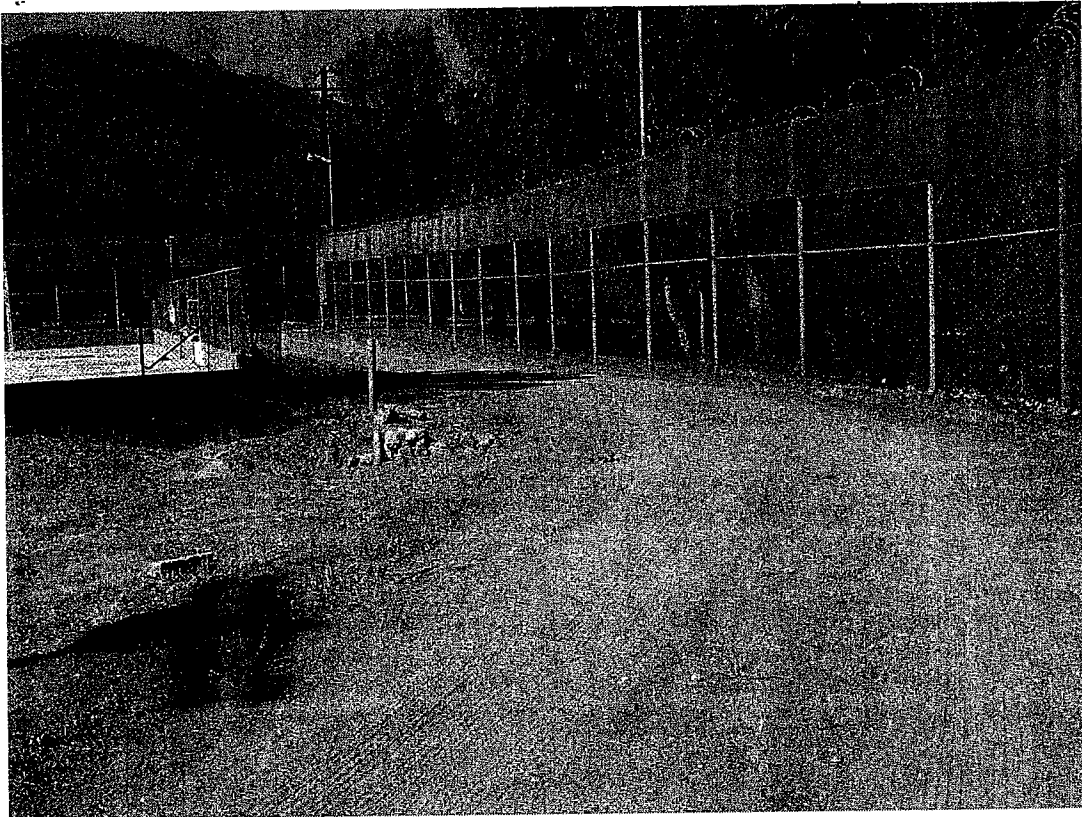


Photo 5 - Existing access road located adjacent and to the north of the project site

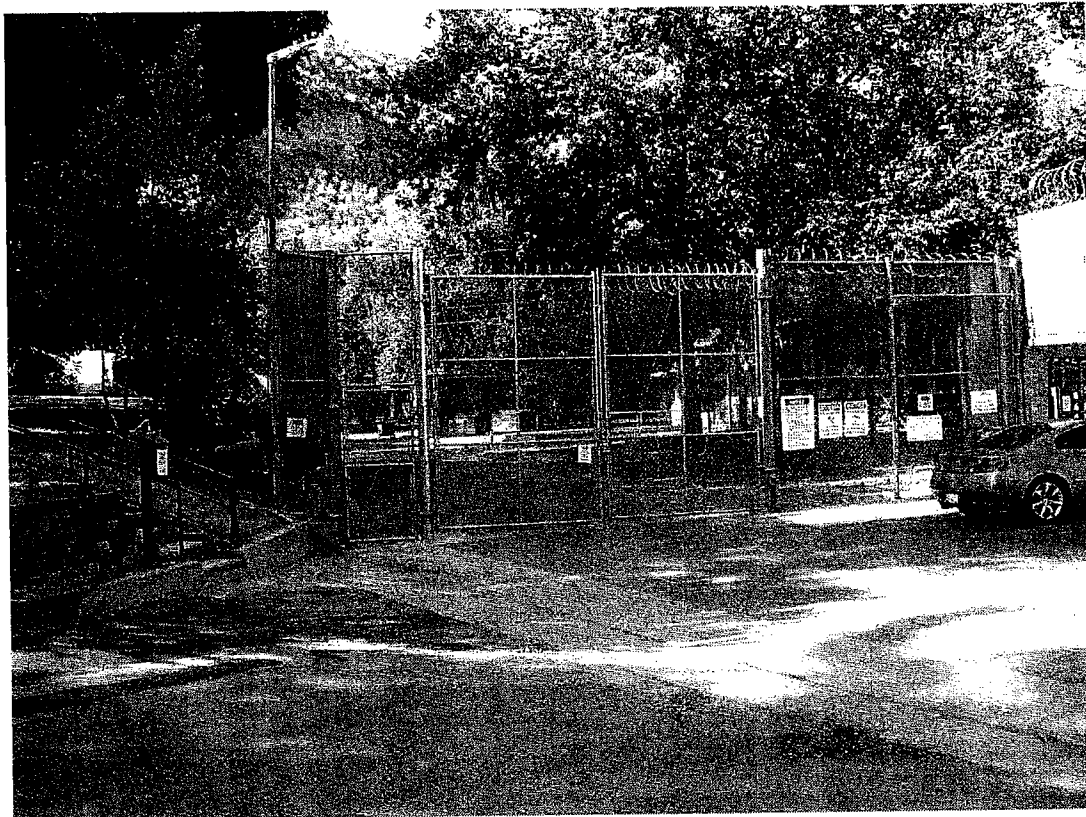


Photo 6 - Portion of parking area and entrance to Camp Kenyon Scudder facilities

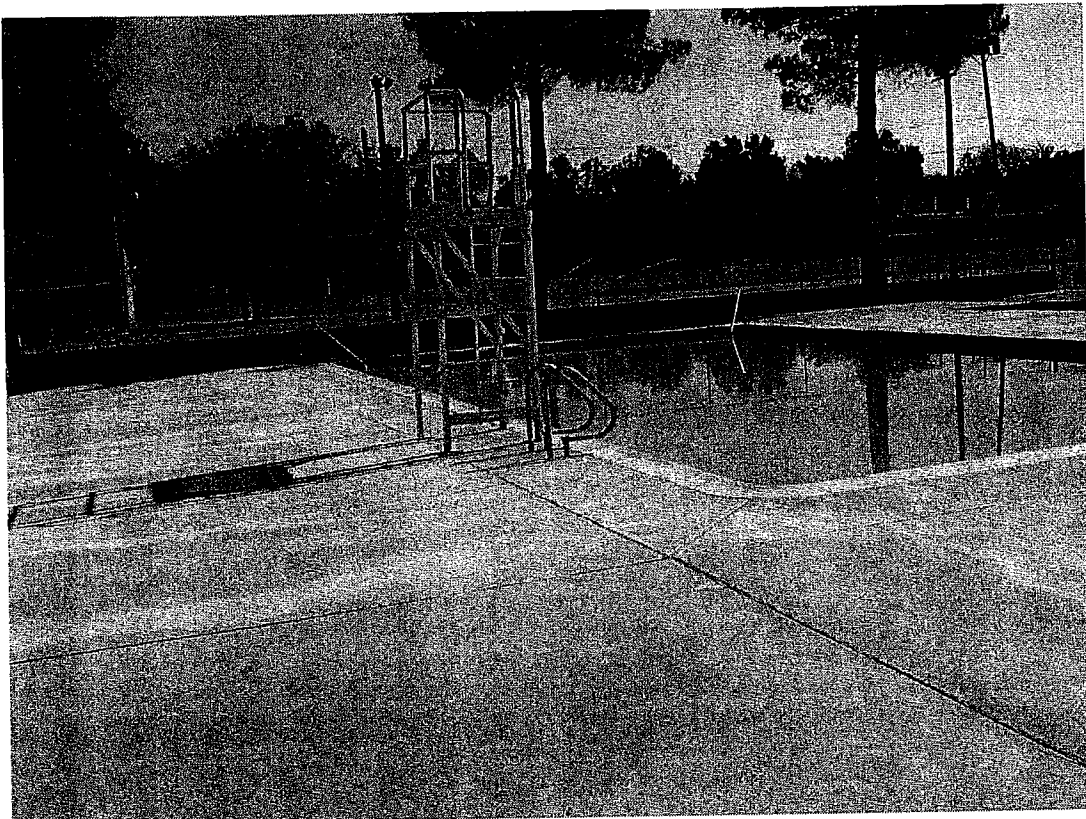


Photo 7 - Pool area located adjacent to the west of the proposed modular site

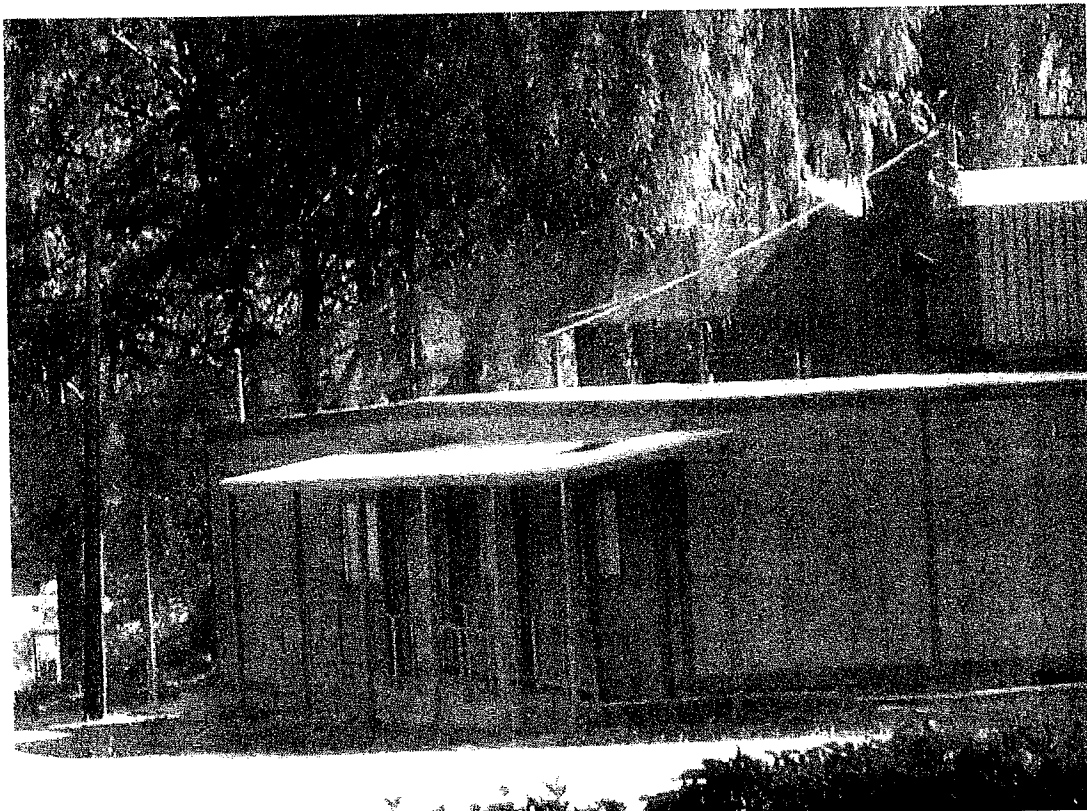


Photo 8 - Existing facility for juvenile housing, located to the east of the proposed modular facility

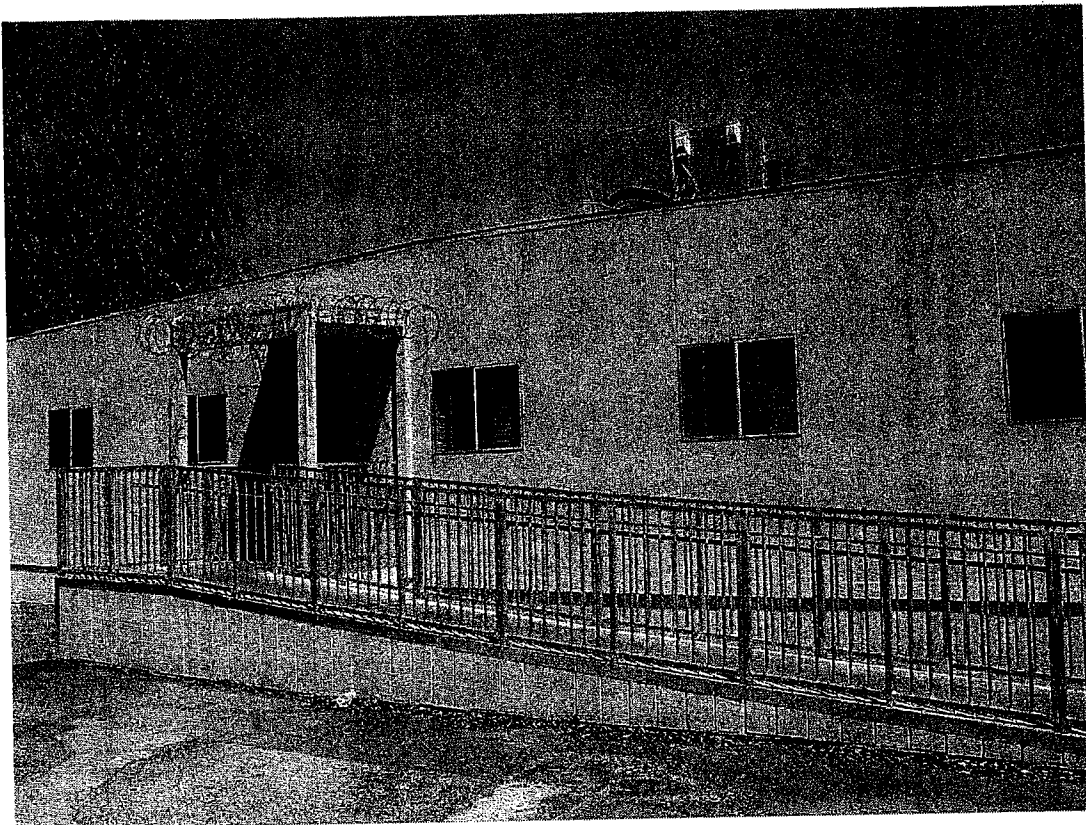


Photo 9 - Existing camp housing modular facility located at the Camp Scott facility

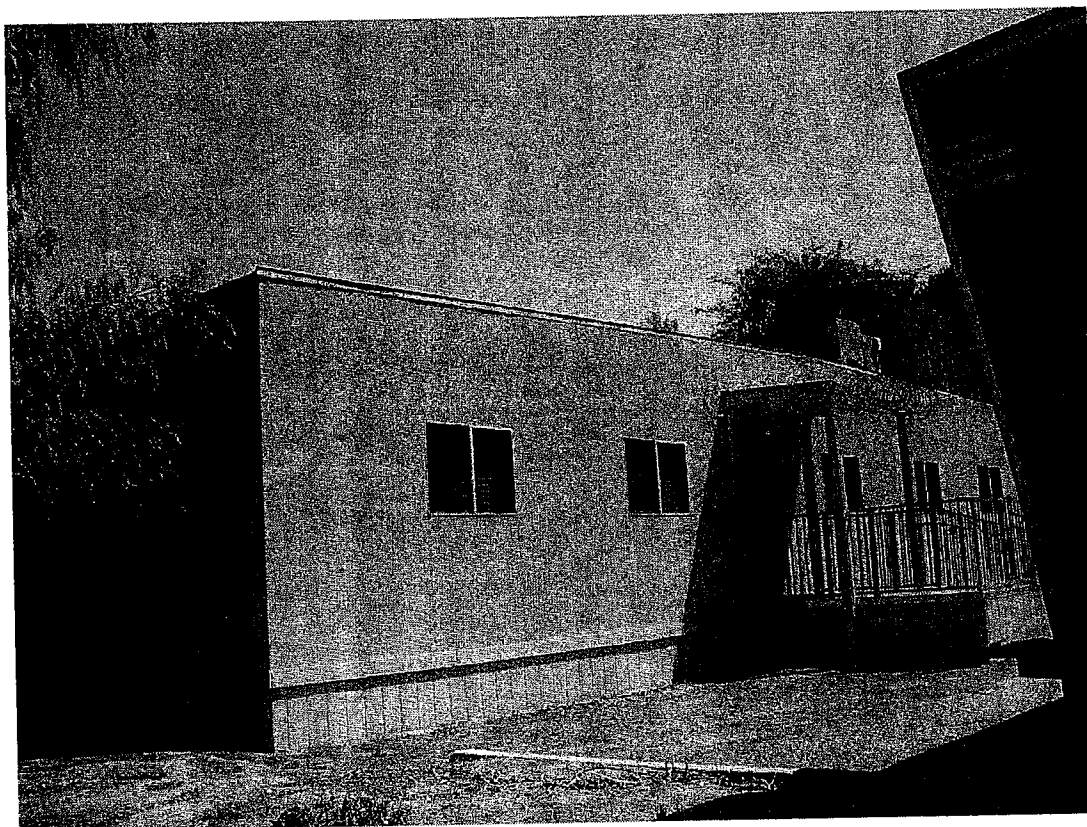


Photo 10 - Existing camp housing modular facility located at the Camp Scott facility

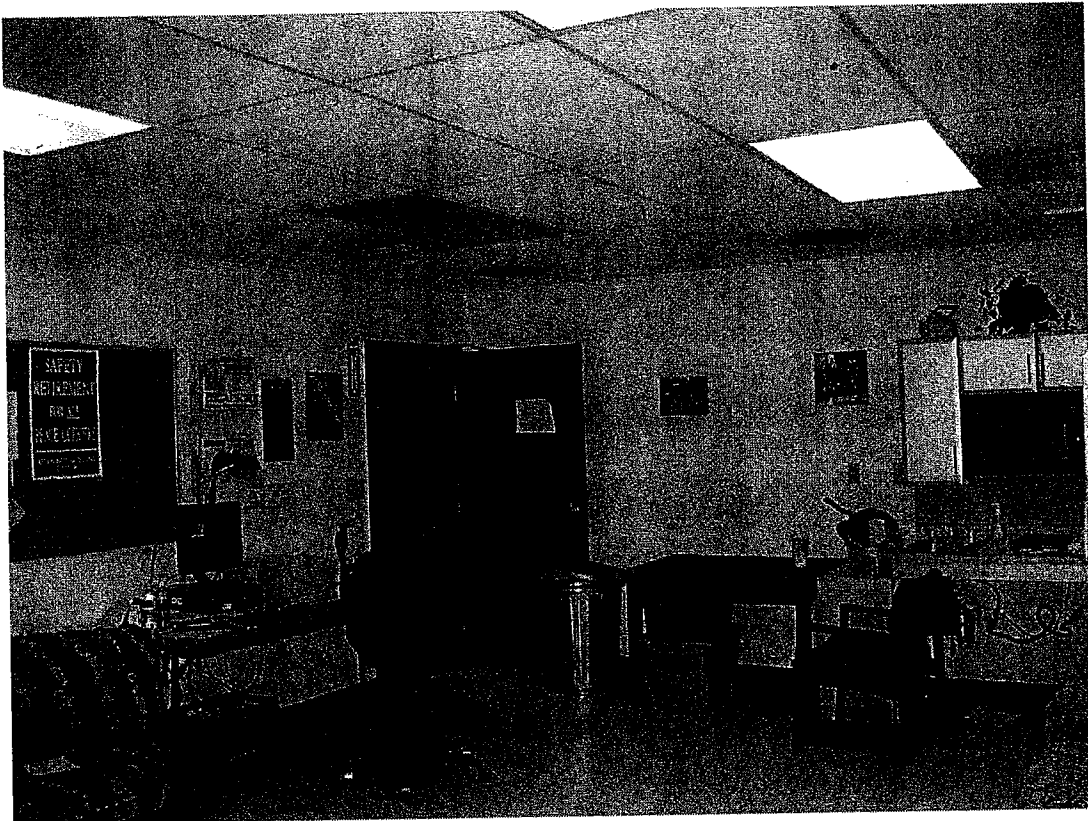


Photo 11 - Interior of existing camp housing modular facility located at the Camp Scott facility



Photo 12 - Open space area located to the north of the proposed modular location

Appendix C

Envirostor Database Results

DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ENVIROSTOR

PROJECT SEARCH RESULTS

CLEANUP STATUS: All Statuses

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SEARCH CRITERIA: 91350, FEDERAL SUPERFUND SITES (NPL), STATE RESPONSE SITES, VOLUNTARY CLEANUP SITES, SCHOOL CLEANUP SITES, PERMITTED SITES, CORRECTIVE ACTION SITES

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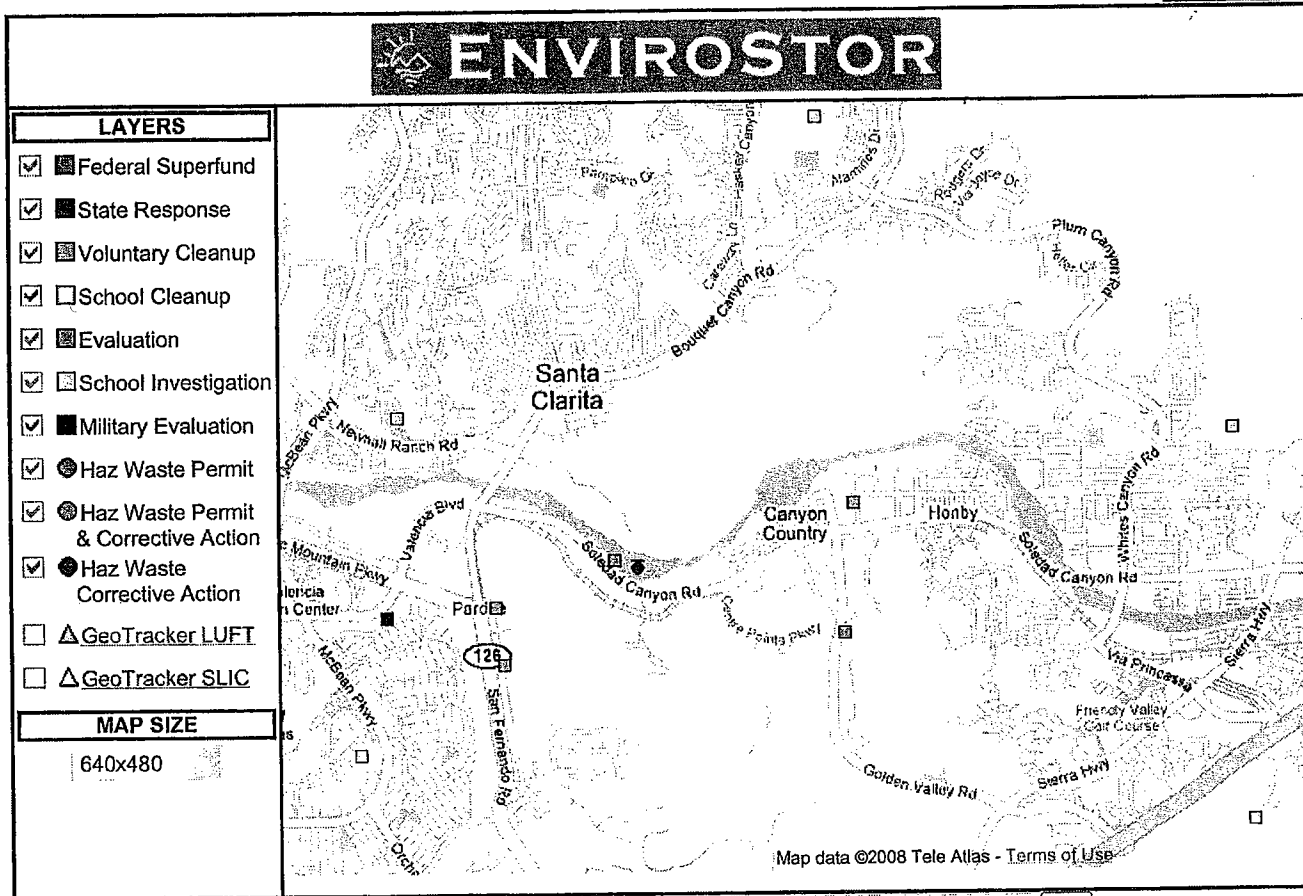
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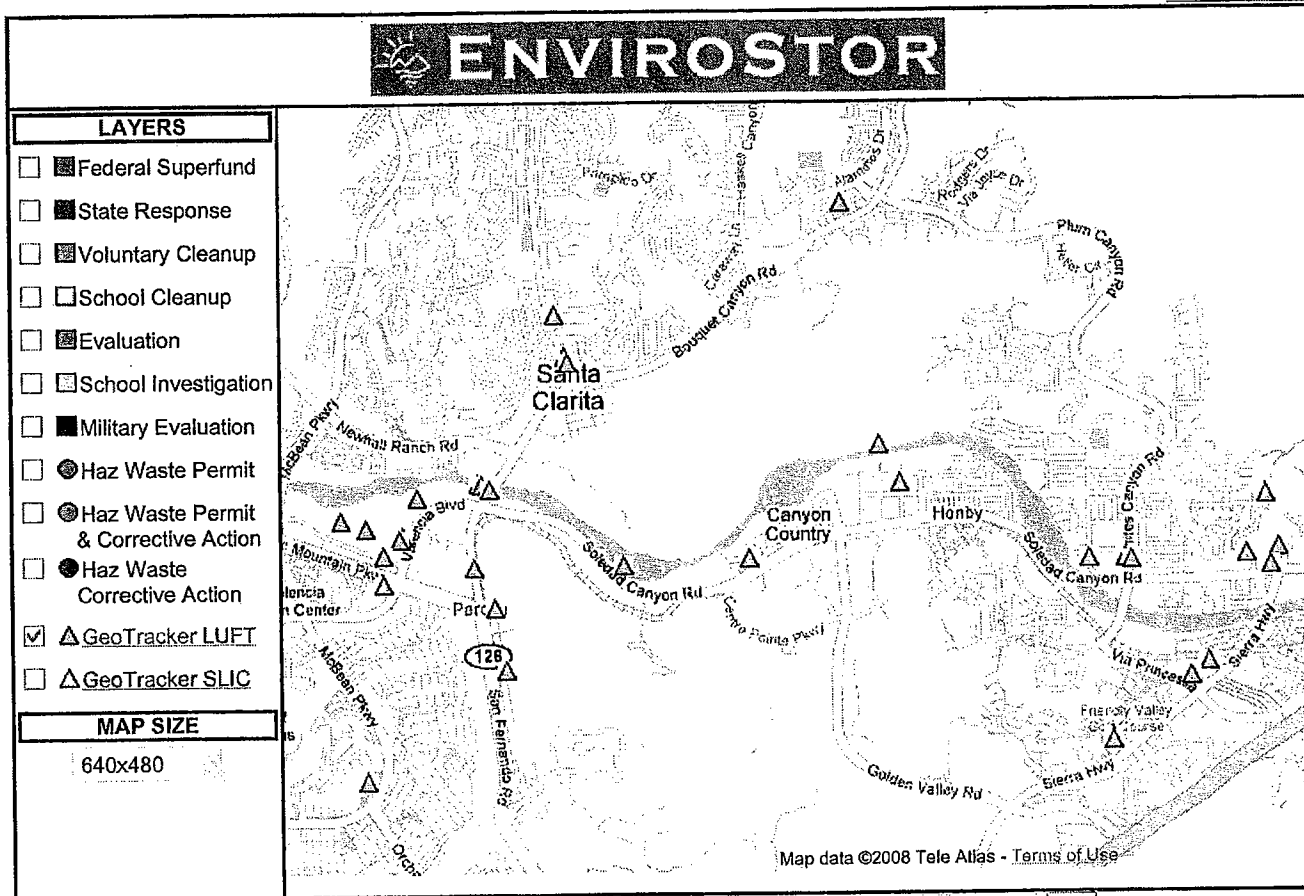
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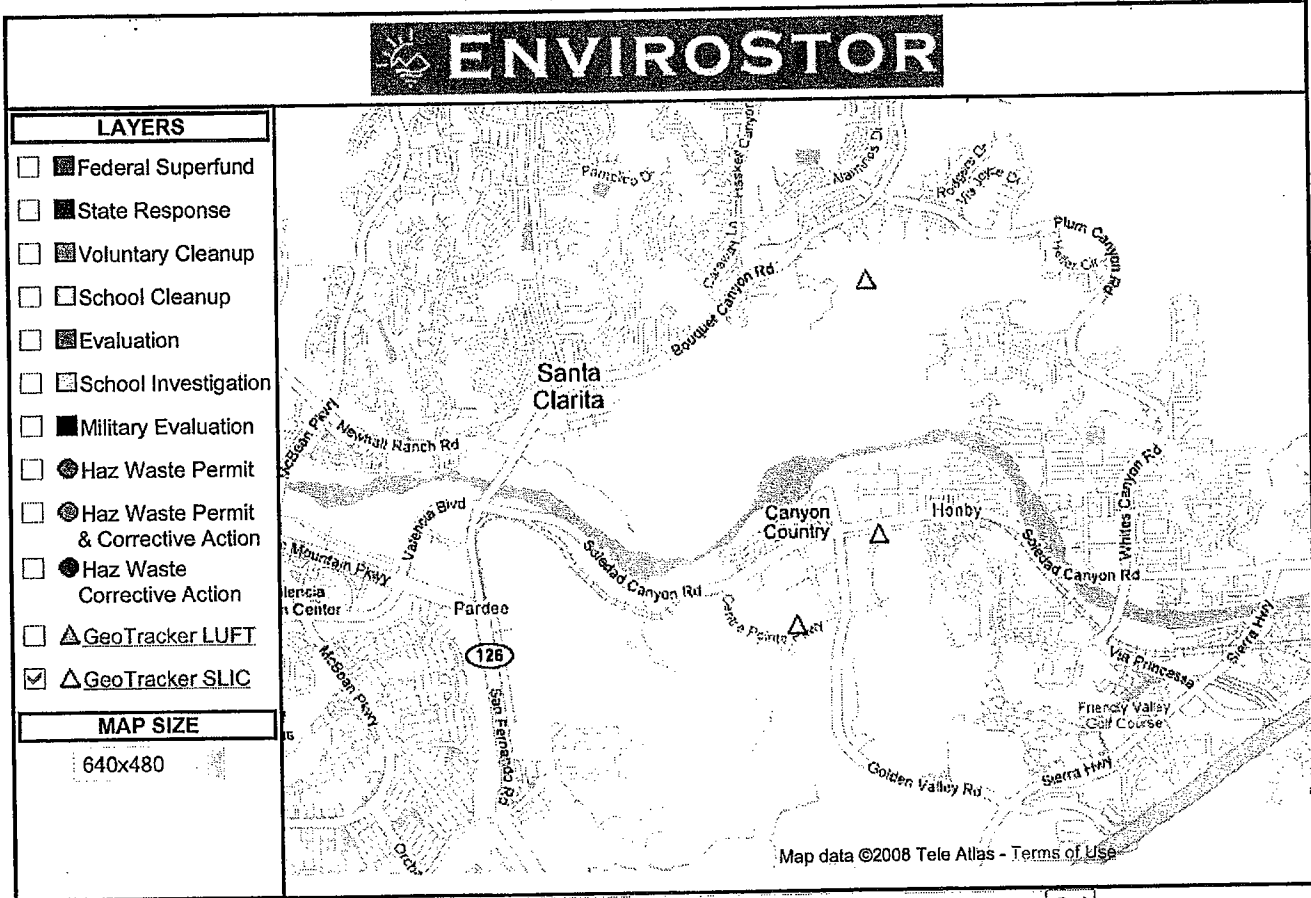
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Appendix D

Biological Survey Memorandum



memorandum

date: December 12, 2007

to: Cynthia Wren

from: Michele Budish, Associate Biologist

subject: Camp Kenyon Scudder – Biological Resources Memo

This memorandum is a biological report for the Camp Kenyon Scudder site in Santa Clarita, California. The proposed project site is located at 28750 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA and is bounded by residential development to the north and southwest, and by open space on the southeast. I understand that this memorandum may be used to support the development of the site, and have organized my report in that format.

Study Methods

Relevant reference literature and natural resources databases were reviewed to determine the potential value of the site to biological and habitat resources with special status.¹ Specific information on the site was developed in part through aerial photography, and in preparation I reviewed existing resource information related to the project area to evaluate whether sensitive species or other sensitive natural resources (e.g., wetlands) could occur on the site. An on-site biological reconnaissance was not performed. Sources reviewed included:

- California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) records search for the Newhall and Mint Canyon USGS 7.5-minute quadrangles (CDFG, 2007);
- National Wetlands Inventory, US Fish and Wildlife Service, <http://www.fws.gov/nwi/>.

This information was used to develop a list of species and biological resources that could potentially occur in the project vicinity. This list is provided in **Table 1**.

¹ Special status species are defined as listed plant and animal species that receive specific protection defined in federal or state legislation (Endangered Species Act), and are formally designated as endangered, threatened or rare under state or federal legislation. Also included in this definition are species that have no formal listing status as threatened or endangered, but are regarded as locally "rare," "sensitive," or "species of concern" on the basis of adopted policies and expertise of federal, state, or local resource agencies, or local organizations with acknowledged expertise, such as the California Native Plant Society. Species that meet the criteria of Section 15380 of the California Environmental Quality Act or the California Native Plant Protection Act are defined as special status species. In general, plants constituting CNPS List 1A, 1B or 2 meet the definitions of California Department Fish and Game Code Section 1901 (Native Plant Protection Act) and/or Sections 2062 and 2067 (California Endangered Species Act), and are protected as such.

TABLE 1
SPECIAL-STATUS SPECIES KNOWN TO OCCUR WITHIN THE PROPOSED PROJECT REGION

Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Status	California Status	CDFG USFWS	CNPS
<i>Berberis nevinii</i>	Nevin's barberry	Endangered	Endangered		1B.1
<i>Chorizanthe parryi</i> var. <i>fernandina</i>	San Fernando Valley spineflower	Candidate	Endangered		1B.1
<i>Dodecahema leptoceras</i>	slender-horned spineflower	Endangered	Endangered		1B.1
<i>Navarettia fossalis</i>	spreading navarettia	Threatened	None		1B.1
<i>Orcuttia Californica</i>	California orcutt grass	None	None		1B.1
<i>Bufo californicus</i>	Arroyo toad	Endangered	None	SC	
<i>Catostomus santaanae</i>	Santa Ana sucker	Threatened	None	SC	
<i>Gasterosteus aculeatus williamsoni</i>	unarmored threespine stickleback	Endangered	Endangered		
<i>Polioptila californica californica</i>	coastal California gnatcatcher	Threatened	None	SC	
<i>Vireo belli pusillus</i>	least Bell's vireo	Endangered	Endangered		
<i>California macrophyllum</i>	round-leaved filaree	None	None		1B.1
<i>Calochortus clavatus</i> var. <i>gracilis</i>	slender mariposa lily	None	None		1B.2
<i>Calochortus plummerae</i>	Plummer's mariposa lily	None	None		1B.2
<i>Helianthus nuttallii</i> ssp. <i>parishii</i>	Los Angeles sunflower	None	None		1A
<i>Senecio aphanactis</i>	rayless ragwort	None	None		2.2
<i>Accipiter cooperi</i>	Cooper's hawk	None	None	SC	
<i>Actinemys marmorata pallida</i>	southwestern pond turtle	None	None	SC	
<i>Anniella pulchra pulchra</i>	silvery legless lizard	None	None	SC	
<i>Antrozous pallidus</i>	pallid bat	None	None	SC	
<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	burrowing owl	None	None	SC	
<i>Elanus leucurus</i>	white tailed kite	None	None	FPS	

TABLE 1 (CONT'D)
SPECIAL-STATUS SPECIES KNOWN TO OCCUR WITHIN THE PROPOSED PROJECT REGION

Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Status	California Status	CDFG USFWS	CNPS
<i>Euderma maculatum</i>	spotted bat	None	None	SC	
<i>Gils orcutti</i>	arroyo chub	None	None	SC	
<i>Lepus californicus bennettii</i>	San Diego black-tailed jackrabbit	None	None	SC	
<i>Onychomys torridus ramona</i>	Southern grasshopper mouse	None	None	SC	
<i>Phrynosoma coronatum blainvilli</i>	coast (San Diego) horned lizard	None	None	SC	
<i>Spea hammondi</i>	western spadefoot	None	None	SC	
<i>Thamnophis hammondi</i>	two striped garter snake	None	None	SC	

CDFG (California Department of Fish and Game)

SC = state species of special concern

CNPS (California Native Plant Society)

1A = plants believed extinct

1B = plants rare, threatened, or endangered in the state and elsewhere

2 = plants rare, threatened, or endangered in the state, but common elsewhere

Environmental Setting

The site is currently a juvenile detention camp. The campus is currently developed, contains buildings, an exercise area with a basketball court and a grass lawn. Based on the aerial imagery and onsite photos, vegetation onsite includes ornamental trees and a flat, grass lawn.

Project Understanding

It is my understanding that the project involves placing a 3,600 square foot modular facility at the current site of the outdoor basketball court.

Wildlife Habitat

It is my understanding that the only disturbance that will take place is on top of the existing basketball court, therefore, there is neither wildlife habitat nor are there wildlife species that will be affected. The species listed in Table 1 are based on historical and current listed occurrences in the project vicinity and surrounding open areas and does not guarantee that these species are present. Furthermore, the habitat requirements required by these species do not exist on the project site. A site visit was not performed but based on the nature of the project, a review of relevant literature, and aerial and onsite photographs there is no impact to any special-status species.

Appendix E

Cultural and Historical Records Search



